

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In re: Suspension of Issuance and Enforcement of Writs of Restitution, Writs of Replevin, Writs of Attachment and any other Writs of Execution

Administrative Order No. 15P-20

ORDER

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri, and the Mayor of the City of Springfield declared a State of Emergency and mandated measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of the 31st Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers, all employees, all parties with business before the Court and all members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, among other means, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or persons touch objects or surfaces upon which the virus was previously deposited; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Greene County Sheriffs Civil Process Department who execute writs of restitution, writs of replevin, and eviction notices come in close contact with members of the general public in executing those duties; and

WHEREAS, directives from many levels of government have determined that it is not in the interests of public health to displace persons from their residences at this time during this COVID-19 emergency, including the federal government having authorized a moratorium on foreclosure and eviction actions for homeowners with mortgages backed by FHA, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac to allow them to face the hardships caused by the coronavirus without fear of losing their homes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 478.240.2 RSMo and section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

The Greene County Court Clerk is directed to delay issuing writs of restitution, writs of replevin, writs of attachment and any other writs of execution up through and including April 18, 2020, and the Greene County Sheriff is directed to refrain from serving or executing any pending writs of restitution, writs of replevin, writs of attachment and any other writs of execution up through and including that same date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 19, 2020
Date



Michael J. Cordonnier, Presiding Judge
31st Judicial Circuit Court