

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 2020-24**

**IN RE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF REQUIREMENTS OF THIRD  
AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 86-14**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in our State;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-13 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which ordered the temporary suspension of various non-emergency court proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-17 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which continued the emergency suspension of various non-emergency court proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23 regarding Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts that extended “previously enacted temporary remedial measures...until the close of business on May 29, 2020”;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Florida entered four amendments to Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23 which extended those “temporary remedial measures” and required certain benchmarks to be met before courthouses throughout the State can proceed through four distinct phases of reopening that will return daily operations to normal;

**WHEREAS**, at this time the Fourth Judicial Circuit is currently in Phase Two and does not anticipate entering Phase Four, the last phase of reopening, for some time due to the developing nature of COVID-19 and the appropriate responses that must take place throughout the State to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Third Amended Administrative Order No. 86-14 which was entered on July 17, 1997, delineates individuals who “shall not be eligible for a Notice to Appear or Summons”;

**WHEREAS**, this Court has been informed that during the current COVID-19 emergency, the number of individuals being held at the John E. Goode Duval County Pre-Trial Detention Facility has increased;

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist the Duval County Pre-Trial Detention Facility during this emergency, this Court finds that suspending the requirements found in sections (A)3. and (A)4. in Third Amended Administrative Order No. 86-14 is appropriate for a temporary and definite period of time;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that:

1. The requirements found in sections (A)3. and (A)4. in Third Amended Administrative Order No. 86-14 are hereby suspended as of the date of this order.
2. This Administrative Order shall only remain in effect until midnight on July 31, 2020;
3. This Administrative Order shall be recorded by the Clerk of Court, in the Official Records of Duval County, in the State of Florida, and shall take effect immediately.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this the 15 day of July, 2020.

  
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**MARK H. MAHON**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

cc: All Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit  
All Magistrates in the Fourth Judicial Circuit  
The Honorable Ronnie Fussell, Clerk of Courts, Duval County

The Honorable Charles G. Cofer, Esq, Public Defender  
 The Honorable Melissa W. Nelson, Esq., State Attorney  
 The Honorable Jason R. Gabriel, Esq., General Counsel  
 The Honorable Mike Williams, Sheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
 Major Claude Colvin, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security  
 Joseph G. Stelma, Fourth Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator  
 Eve Janocko, Chief Deputy Trial Court Administrator  
 Mike Smith, Court Technology Officer  
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 The Jacksonville Bar Association

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DUVAL COUNTY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears on record and file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit of Duval County, Florida, and the same is in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Clerk of Circuit Court at Jacksonville, Florida, this the 14 day of July, A.D., 2020

**RONNIE FUSSELL**  
 Clerk, Circuit and County Courts  
 Duval County, Florida

By [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

