

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-07

**RE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT
FORECLOSURE SALES AND EXECUTION OF POSSESSORY WRITS IN
DUVAL COUNTY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus 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, in order to follow the instructions from Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court of Florida, and to respond appropriately to the current public health emergency, effective now and through and including April 3, 2020, this Court is suspending all foreclosure sales ordered by Circuit Courts and County Courts in Duval County and is further staying the execution on all writs of possession or writs of eviction;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED that:

1. All foreclosure sales ordered by County Courts and Circuit Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, to be conducted from March 19, 2020, through April 3, 2020, are canceled and shall be reset upon proper motion and order.
2. In Duval County, execution on any writ of possession or writ of eviction issued by authority of these same County Courts and Circuit Courts is stayed for the period from March 19, 2020, through April 3, 2020.
3. Fourth Judicial Circuit Court and Duval County Court procedures in Duval County as to the scheduling of foreclosure sales and possessory writs shall be subject to change depending upon the development of the current public health emergency.

4. This Administrative Order No. 2020-07 shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval County, in the State of Florida, shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 19th day of March, 2020.



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
- Julie K. Taylor, Court Counsel
- Stephen Siegel, Esq., Office of the State Attorney
- Janet Abel, Circuit Director, Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
- Fourth Circuit Court Law Library, Duval County
- Judicial Staff Attorneys, Fourth Judicial Circuit
- The Jacksonville Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association
- Clay County 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 19 day of Mar A.D., 2020

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

By 
Deputy Clerk

