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To: **Attorneys and Self-Represented Litigants in Municipal Court for the City of Champaign, the Villages of Mahomet and Rantoul, and All Other Municipalities in Champaign County except the City of Urbana**

Date: **March 17, 2020**

RE: **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

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- I. The Governor of the State of Illinois has declared a public health emergency throughout the state in response to the spread of the coronavirus and covid-19.
- II. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local public health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus, and to slow the spread of the disease.
- III. The Champaign County Courthouse has restricted operations to essential functions per County Administrative Order 2020-03 from March 16 – 27, 2020.
- IV. In order to protect the public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings the following measures have been instituted:
  - a. Except cases currently set for trial following a not guilty plea, all hearings for the above municipalities are POSTPONED during the months of March and April;
  - b. Defendants who have previously scheduled court dates (except trials) in March and April are NOT required to attend those hearings;
  - c. All applicable cities and villages will send notices of rescheduled hearing dates by mail to individual defendants in the next several weeks;
  - d. All individuals receiving tickets for new ordinance violation offenses for the above cities and villages will be given court dates beginning in May and June;
  - e. Defendants are directed to notify the City or Village Attorney of their correct address to ensure receipt of notices;
  - f. All litigants are encouraged to review the status of their cases online at <https://www.champaigncircuitclerk.org/>.

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