



**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY, JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF :
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY : **CASE No. 603535**
AND COURT OPERATIONS :

**JOURNAL ENTRY AND COURT ORDER SETTING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR HOLDING PERIOD
FOR PAPER FILINGS AND ORDERING FILINGS SUBJECT TO HOLDING PERIOD
DEEMED FILED ONE BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO DATE STAMP**

This journal entry and court order is issued after careful review and consideration of Governor DeWine’s Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency; of subsequent related orders issued by Governor DeWine and by the Ohio Department of Health; and of the guidelines and directives issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding court operations during the present COVID-19 pandemic.

In all cases which require paper filings, the court is currently accepting documents submitted via drop box or via mail. However, pursuant to the most recent advisory guidelines received by the court, there is evidence that the SARS-CoV-2 virus may survive on paper for up to twenty-four hours.

Therefore, in the interest of limiting potential spread of the virus and of protecting court personnel, it is hereby **ORDERED** that all paper filings submitted to the court by drop box or mail be held for twenty-four hours after receipt prior to their processing and review.

Certain filings submitted under exigent circumstances shall be exempt from the holding period, including filings in the expedited or emergency appointment of a guardian; filings regarding temporary restraining orders; and other filings in respect of an immediate threat to an individual’s person and/or estate. Requests to arrange for the exemption of a filing may be made by contacting the magistrates’ assistant at (614) 525-3896 to explain the exigent nature of the circumstances at hand.

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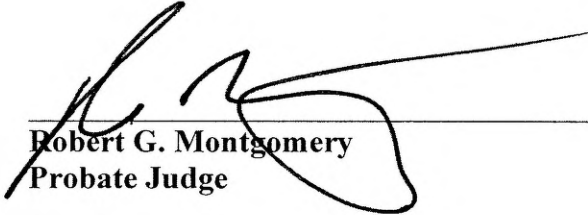
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With the understanding that time requirements remain of import, it is hereby **ORDERED** that all paper filings subject to the court's twenty-four hour holding period be deemed filed one business day prior to the date which they are file-stamped. This order shall not apply to e-filed documents or to paper filings exempted from the holding period due to exigent circumstances.

This order shall remain in effect through March 31, 2021, unless earlier modified by a subsequent order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 12-21-20


Robert G. Montgomery
Probate Judge

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