

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-19

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Temporary Order – Covid-19

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This administrative order is entered pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges of each circuit in the State of Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court's Orders in M.R. 30370:

In re:

Illinois Courts Response to

COVID-19 Emergency

Dated May 20, 2020

**Whereas**, the Supreme Court has acknowledged the state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and has issued a series of orders authorizing chief judges to enter such necessary orders to safely operate circuit courts; and

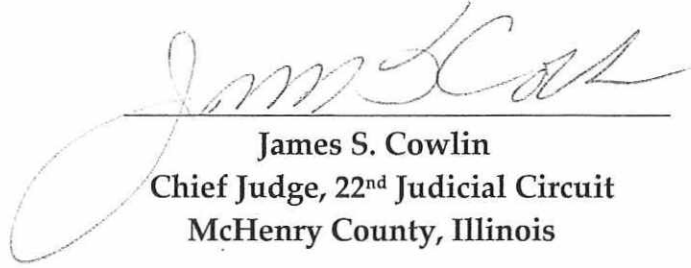
**Whereas**, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit by its Chief Judge recognizes the importance to take necessary action to protect its judges, staff, potential jurors, case parties, other judicial partners and the general public from the spread of Covid-19 and the Chief Judge finds there has been a resurgence of novel coronavirus (Covid-19) infections and hospitalizations in McHenry County since the entry of its prior orders. For good cause shown, due to the resurgence of Covid-19 and in the interests of the health and safety of all court users the Chief Judge deems it necessary to exercise his authority to allow and order the use of remote proceedings for certain traffic court proceedings; and

**Therefore, It Is Ordered** that commencing December 1, 2020 and until further order of the Chief Judge that all pleas and post plea matters scheduled in courtroom 102, Judge Jennifer Johnson presiding, or any judge sitting in her stead, shall be heard remotely via Zoom.

**It Is Further Ordered** that trials or other evidentiary proceedings will be heard in person in courtroom 102 and that the standing order for courtroom 102, as amended from time

to time, shall control as to appropriate procedure for the use of the remote platform(s) and for scheduling.

Dated: 11-20-2020



**James S. Cowlin**  
**Chief Judge, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit**  
**McHenry County, Illinois**