

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF ILLINOIS

## Sangamon County Administrative Order 2020-12 Sangamon County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus

Effective Tuesday, January19, 2021, Sangamon County Administrative Order 2020-12 is amended as follows: (Deleted material is struck through, and new material is underscored)

WHEREAS, The Sangamon County Courts will take all reasonable measures to minimize personal Contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

WHEREAS, The Illinois Supreme Court has an Order in M.R. 30370 instructing the courts to continue to establish and periodically update temporary procedures to minimize the impact of Covid-19 on the court system, while continuing to provide access to essential court functions.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has entered an Order in M.R. 30370 authorizing for essential court matters and proceedings to be heard.

WHEREAS, the summer months are traditionally the most popular time for weddings to be held, and the Sangamon County Clerk has issues a number of marriage licenses through Zoom technology. Couples will complete their application and pay their \$75.00 license fee on-line. An employee of the County Clerk office will call you when the application and payment has been processed. You will both need to come to the Sangamon County Clerk's Office, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Room 101, Springfield, IL to pick up the license and show your ID's. You must apply for the license at least one day and no more than 60 days in advance of your marriage or civil union.

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Sangamon County Clerk, the court has been informed that many couples are seeking the services of the courts to conduct wedding ceremonies as soon as the courts can safely do so. Couples are to pay a \$10.00 fee to the Circuit Clerk in Room 405. This fee can be paid at any time prior to the marriage or civil union. The receipt you are given must be shown to the judge.

WHEREAS, with significant limitations imposed on the requested ceremonies, the Sangamon County Courts can safely perform marriage ceremonies in the first floor facilities that have been converted for holding certain court functions. Room 404 located on the fourth floor.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that on-site weddings at the Sangamon County courthouse attended only by the wedding couple are herein classified as essential court functions and beginning June 1, 2020 January 19, 2021 weddings will be scheduled for 11:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. each day, to be held on the first fourth floor in Room 404 of the Sangamon County Complex subject to these stated limitations.

AMENDED THIS 14th DAY OF January 2021.

John M Madonia, Chief Judge