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<u>DuPage County Traffic Court to Resume Operations with Two New Traffic Court Locations</u>

DuPage County Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy announced today that beginning February 1st, all traffic courts will resume in-person proceedings with two traffic courts being held in new locations. First, a traffic court will be held at the Glendale Heights facility located at 300 Civic Centre Plaza. All municipalities and agencies which were previously assigned to the former Addison Traffic Court, except Hanover Park, have been reassigned by Administrative Order into Glendale Heights Traffic Court.

These municipalities and agencies are: Addison, Bensenville, Elmhurst, ICC, Illinois State Police District #2, Itasca, Oak Brook, O'Hare, Villa Park, and Wood Dale. In addition, Hanover Park will be reassigned into courtroom 1003 in the main courthouse and Glendale Heights will be reassigned from the main courthouse into the Glendale Heights Traffic Court. The Circuit Clerk will send notices by mail to all parties of these new traffic court locations.

"When the Village of Addison closed its traffic court due to COVID-19 concerns in May, we temporarily relocated it into meeting rooms on the first floor of the main courthouse. Working closely with the DuPage County Board and Village of Glendale Heights, we are now able to make traffic court more efficient and convenient for the public, law enforcement and the municipalities. We are extremely grateful to the County Board and Village of Glendale Heights officials for providing us with this excellent facility for traffic court," said Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy.

A second traffic court, most recently held at the American Legion Hall in Downers Grove, will be relocated into the main courthouse at 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. All municipalities and

agencies previously assigned to the former Downers Grove Traffic Court have been reassigned by Administrative Order to courtroom 1002 in the main courthouse in Wheaton.

These municipalities and agencies are: Downers Grove, Illinois State Police Districts 3, 5 and 15, Hinsdale, Westmont, Darien, Clarendon Hills, Burr Ridge, Oakbrook Terrace, Lemont, Woodridge, BNSF Railroad, Lisle/Woodridge Fire District, Willowbrook, Bolingbrook and Illinois Benedictine.

"We are extremely grateful to the American Legion for hosting our traffic court in their facility in Downers Grove for many years. However, both fiscal and security needs required us to find a new location. While every effort was made by the DuPage County Board to try and keep the traffic court in the same region of the County, it became apparent that the most prudent fiscal and security-based solution was to move the traffic court into the main courthouse" said Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy.

With these moves, all four DuPage County traffic courts will now have proper entry security with trained Sheriff's deputies and the use of magnetometers.

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