

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF DU PAGE     )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS                                ) 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to  
UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED                        ) Administrative Order 20-48  
BY THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INVOLVING                        )  
TRAFFIC COURT MATTERS    )

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States has necessitated the justice system to take prudent, proactive measures to reduce the risk of exposure and prevent the spread of the virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the frequently changing circumstances involved with the COVID-19 pandemic, measures must continue to be implemented and updated to both protect the health and safety of all those working inside the courthouse and the public, and to ensure the fair and efficient access to justice; and,

**WHEREAS**, recent data from the CDC, IDPH, and DuPage County Health Department reflects an ongoing and significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases throughout the State of Illinois and DuPage County; and,

**WHEREAS**, matters scheduled into the traffic courts are held in-person pursuant to the schedule outlined below; and,

**WHEREAS**, to best protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys, witnesses, law enforcement and the general public, it is necessary to reschedule matters assigned into the traffic courts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b), Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370 and the Court's inherent authority:

All matters currently assigned into the traffic courts with court dates on or between January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 15<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 shall be rescheduled. The Circuit Court Clerk shall reschedule these matters to a future court date at least 28 days from the originally scheduled court date. The rescheduled dates can be viewed by attorneys at [eaccess.18thjudicial.org](http://eaccess.18thjudicial.org) (**eaccess**) and the general public at [epay.18thjudicial.org](http://epay.18thjudicial.org) (**epay**). The Circuit Clerk will also notify litigants and witnesses of the next court date by mail.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, as a result of rescheduling these matters, all traffic courts will be closed from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through and including January 15<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Circuit Court Clerk is authorized to set matters assigned to each traffic courtroom at three separate time frames for morning and afternoon sessions according to the following schedule:

	<b>Morning Session</b>			<b>Afternoon Session</b>		
<b>1001</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
<b>1003</b>	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
<b>DG (1002)</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
<b>GL</b>	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM

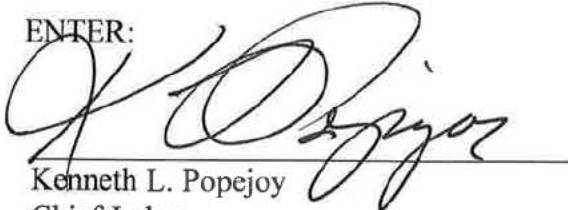
To ensure proper social distancing inside the courtroom, the Clerk shall limit the number of cases assigned in each time frame to approximately 40 cases. The Clerk shall notify litigants and witnesses by mail of the designated court time for their case. Attorneys can view the court dates and times at [eaccess.18thjudicial.org](http://eaccess.18thjudicial.org) (**eaccess**) and the general public at [epay.18thjudicial.org](http://epay.18thjudicial.org) (**epay**).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the **first two** time frames in each court session indicated in the above chart are designated by the Clerk for cases which require an officer’s appearance in accord with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 504.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that when continuing a case to a future court date, a judge may schedule the case into any available time frame in the above chart. If a time frame exceeds the acceptable number of cases, it shall be the responsibility of the Clerk to then determine the appropriate designated time frame for the case as indicated in the above chart and so notify the witnesses and litigants.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that court may issue orders, as necessary, to address the changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

ENTER:  
  
 Kenneth L. Popejoy  
 Chief Judge

Dated: December 21, 2020  
 Wheaton, Illinois