

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-03**

COVID-19 Emergency Procedure for Service of Summons in First Municipal

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, has issued Covid-19 Emergency Measures in ordering that all matters in all Districts and Divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois are rescheduled and continued for a period of 30 days. The Order applies to all civil cases pending on and after March 17, 2020. *Cook County General Administrative Order No. 2020-01(dated March 13, 2020; eff. March 17, 2020).*

WHEREAS, unforeseen issues have arisen due to the emergency nature of closing court requiring adjustments in procedures.

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rules 101 and 181 require that in cases prescribing a specific day for appearance of defendant that the summons require the appearance to be no less than 21 days and no more than 40 days after issuance of the summons.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The 40 day requirement for Return dates after issuance of the summons in cases with a specific date for appearance is waived. The 40 day Return days for appearances may be scheduled outside the 40 day requirement.
2. This order is effective during the 30 day term of the General Administrative Order No. 2020-01 effective March 17, 2020 through April 16, 2020.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 18th day of March 2020.

ENTERED:



**E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.
PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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