

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-27

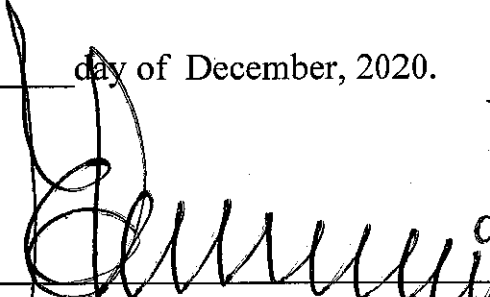
Declaration of Covered Persons in Eviction

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel, recent eviction proceedings were occurring only in the categories of Commercial and Emergency cases where a tenant posed a direct threat to the health and safety of the tenants, or an immediate and severe risk to property, or a violation of any law or regulation. Currently, a residential eviction may not occur if the tenant completes a form provided by the landlord, Declaration of Covered Persons that demonstrates that the tenant is subject to a COVID-19 exemption from a residential eviction if certain conditions are present.

WHEREAS, though the eviction moratorium has been extended, eviction cases may be filed under the circumstances delineated above. Prior to and as a condition of filing any eviction action against a tenant, any landlord, owner of residential property or other person(s) who has the right to have a tenant evicted must first comply with City, State and Federal requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, all landlords, owners of residential property or other persons who have the right to have a tenant evicted for nonpayment of rent must first provide tenant(s) a Declaration of Covered Persons (sample attached) or equivalent, an affidavit by the landlord stating the manner of service of the Declaration provided to the tenant, signed by the landlord and specifying a reasonable time for the tenant to return the declaration to the landlord indicating status as a Covered Person. The returned Declaration should be signed by the tenant, indicating not subject to eviction.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this _____ day of December, 2020.



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

Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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