

**IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-19

**IN RE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT
FORECLOSURE SALES AND EXECUTION OF POSSESSORY WRITS
IN DUVAL COUNTY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in our State;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-13 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which ordered the temporary suspension of various non-emergency court proceedings;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-17 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which continued the emergency suspension of various non-emergency court proceedings;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23 regarding Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts that extended "previously enacted temporary remedial measures...until the close of business on May 29, 2020";

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor DeSantis entered Executive Order Number 20-94 which "suspend[ed] and toll[ed] any statute providing for a mortgage foreclosure cause of action under Florida law" and "suspend[ed] and toll[ed] any statute providing for an eviction cause of action under Florida law";

WHEREAS, in order to follow the instructions from Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court of Florida, and to respond appropriately to the current public health emergency, this Court previously suspended all foreclosure sales by Circuit Courts and County Courts in Duval County and stayed the execution on all writs of possession or writs of eviction through April 3, 2020, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-07, thereafter through April 30, 2020, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-10, and thereafter through May 29, 2020 pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-14;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor DeSantis entered Executive Order Number 20-121 which extended Executive Order 20-94 through June 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis entered Executive Order Number 20-137 which extended the provisions of Executive Order Number 20-94 through June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, in order to continue to respond appropriately to the current public health emergency, effective now and through and including June 30, 2020, this Court is suspending all foreclosure sales ordered by Circuit Courts and County Courts in Duval County and is further staying the execution on all writs of possession or writs of eviction;

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is

ORDERED that:

1. All foreclosure sales ordered by Circuit Courts and County Courts in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, to be conducted from March 19, 2020, through June 30, 2020, are canceled and shall be reset upon proper motion and order.
2. In Duval County, execution on any writ of possession or writ of eviction issued by authority of these same Circuit Courts and County Courts is stayed for the period from March 19, 2020, through June 30, 2020, except upon specific order by the presiding judge based upon extraordinary circumstances and good cause shown.
3. Fourth Judicial Circuit Court and Duval County Court procedures in Duval County as to the scheduling of foreclosure sales and possessory writs shall be subject to change depending upon the development of the current public health emergency.
4. This Administrative Order shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval County, in the State of Florida, shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this 4th day of June, 2020.



MARK H. MAHON
CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
 All Magistrates in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
 The Honorable Ronnie Fussell, Clerk of Courts, Duval County
 The Honorable Charles G. Cofer, Esq, Public Defender
 The Honorable Melissa W. Nelson, Esq., State Attorney
 The Honorable Jason R. Gabriel, Esq., General Counsel
 The Honorable Mike Williams, Sheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
 Major Claude Colvin, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security
 Joseph G. Stelma, Fourth Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator
 Eve Janocko, Chief Deputy Trial Court Administrator
 Mike Smith, Court Technology Officer
 Julie K. Taylor, Court Counsel
 Stephen Siegel, Esq., Office of the State Attorney
 Janet Abel, Circuit Director, Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
 Fourth Circuit Court Law Library, Duval County
 Judicial Staff Attorneys, Fourth Judicial Circuit
 The Jacksonville Bar Association
 Nassau County Bar Association
 Clay County Bar Association

STATE OF FLORIDA
 DUVAL COUNTY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears on record and file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit of Duval County, Florida, and the same is in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Clerk of Circuit Court at Jacksonville, Florida, this the 4 day of June A.D., 2020

RONNIE FUSSELL
 Clerk, Circuit and County Courts
 Duval County, Florida

By Margaret Ma
 Deputy Clerk

