

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, COUNTY DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-2

Subject: County Division Real Estate Tax Cases: COVID-19 Emergency

In light of the global coronavirus pandemic Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans entered General Administrative Order 2020-1 ordering all matters to be rescheduled and continued for a period of 30 days from the originally scheduled court date. Accordingly, in the County Division, effective March 17, 2020, all pending real estate tax cases currently scheduled for a court date for status, assignment, and/or hearing shall be continued forward 30 days to the next same calendar call to the same time, day of week and courtroom, without prejudice to any party.

Tax Deed Petitions: The time during which Court proceedings are limited under General Administrative Order 2020-01 is hereby excluded from the one year period to take out and record a deed as provided by 35 ILCS 200/22-85 for all tax deed petitions pending as of this date. The time limitation for entry of orders granting sales in error is likewise equitably tolled for the period during which proceeding are limited under General Administrative Order 2020-1. Once normal court operations resume, parties may submit a separate order to the calendar judge to which the matter is assigned memorializing the specific dates that were excluded/tolled under this order in a specific case. No separate order, however, is required.

Any agreed orders by attorneys on both sides may be dropped off in room 1701 mailboxes for the calendar judge, or with the calendar judge's permission, submitted to the judge via email with the expectation that they may not be signed until the Cook County Circuit Court resumes normal operations.

Any party needing immediate relief concerning a matter may file an emergency motion for an expedited hearing in accordance with Administrative Order 2020-1. The emergency motion will be heard by the assigned duty judge.

This Order shall be spread upon the records of this court.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020

ENTERED:

Judge Sharon M. Sullivan
Presiding Judge, County Division

