

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF STAYING ALL :  
JUDICIAL SALES IN FORECLOSURE :  
CASES :

**JOURNAL ENTRY TEMPORARILY STAYING JUDICIAL SALES AND  
CONFIRMATIONS OF JUDICIAL SALES**

Over the last several weeks, there has been an increased national concern about the COVID-19 pandemic, also known as Coronavirus. This concern prompted President Trump to declare a National Emergency on March 13, 2020. On March 22, 2020, Governor DeWine issued a “stay-at-home” order, directing most citizens to remain at their homes. On March 20, 2020, this Court limited admittance to the Courthouse to those persons who legal business involves emergency or time-sensitive matters, and the Court has been conducting its hearings by videoconference.

In response to this COVID-19 pandemic, the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Ohio, General Division, makes the following orders:

1. Effective March 24, 2020, all judicial sales in foreclosure cases at the Court are stayed for a period of 60 days. This order applies to Sheriff’s sales and private-selling-officer sales. The Sheriff and all private selling officers are ordered to return the orders of sale – without execution – for any foreclosure sales that, as of the date of this order, have not yet occurred.

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2. Effective March 24, 2020, and for a period of 60 days, the Court will not be confirming any judicial sales that have already taken place but which have not yet been confirmed.
3. The filing of new foreclosure cases and the disposition of existing foreclosure cases at the Court are not stayed. The Court will continue to rule on motions in foreclosure cases.
4. The 60-day time period set forth in this order may be extended at any time as determined necessary by the Court based on the prevailing status of the public-health crisis at that time.

  
James P. Schuck  
Administrative Judge of the General Division

cc: Honorable David M. Gormley  
Natalie A. Fravel, Delaware County Clerk of Courts  
Delaware County Sheriff's Office