

In the Matter of the Petition of the)
Marion County Small Claims Courts for) Supreme Court Case No
Administrative Rule 17 Emergency Relief.) 20S-CB-144

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 17 PETITION

Come now the Marion County Small Claims Courts en banc and petition the Indiana Supreme Court to amend the emergency Indiana Administrative Rule 17 order issued on March 18, 2020. In Support of this amended petition, the Marion County Small Claims Courts inform the Indiana Supreme Court as follows:

1. On March 18, 2020, the Supreme Court approved the Marion County Small Claims Court Administrative Rule 17 Emergency Relief Order.
2. The Governor of the State of Indiana has issued an Executive Order closing the schools until May 1, 2020
3. The Governor of the State of Indiana has signed an Executive Order barring eviction in the State of Indiana until April 6, 2020, unless the Governor extends his order.
4. The Supreme Court has approved Marion County Superior and Circuit Courts an amended Administrative Rule 17 Plan to extend their order to May 1, 2020; and the Marion County Small Claims Court’s Plan should be consistent to avoid confusion.
5. The State of Indiana and the City of Indianapolis has increased its emergency travel level to a stay at home order, which means individuals are to stay at home unless it is necessary travel or they work in an essential field.
6. The Marion County Small Claims Courts believe that the additional requested relief, allowing the Courts to operate remotely by telephonic technology, will allow court operations to continue in manner that protects the health and safety of its Citizens, parties, staff and judicial officers while continuing limited essential court operations.

The judges of the Marion County Small Claims Court request that the Supreme Court declare that an emergency exists in Marion County under the authority of Ind. Admin. R. 17, and to make appropriate emergency orders for Marion County directing and allowing the courts and clerk of Marion County to alter, modify, and suspend necessary procedures as provided in the emergency plan submitted herewith, so as to appropriately address this emergency for the period of Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday, May 1, 2020.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 24rd day of March 2020.

/s/ Sheryl Lynch
Judge Sheryl Lynch
Marion County Circuit Court

/s/ Garland E. Graves
Judge Garland E. Graves
Presiding Judge for the Emergency