

# In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Petition of the  
Union City City Court for  
Administrative Rule 17 Emergency Relief.

Supreme Court Case No.  
20S-CB-242



## Order

The Union City City Court has petitioned this Court for emergency relief pursuant to Indiana Administrative Rule 17. The petition states that federal and state governing authorities have declared a public health emergency due to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and local officials have implemented a city-wide plan limiting all public non-emergency access to all public facilities. It appears from the petition that this emergency inhibits litigants' and courts' ability to comply with statutory deadlines and rules of procedure.

The Court finds that good cause exists for granting emergency relief.

Being duly advised, the Court GRANTS the petition, DECLARES pursuant to Indiana Administrative Rule 17 that an emergency exists in Union City, and APPROVES IN PART the plan as submitted. The Court further ORDERS as follows to ensure the orderly and fair administration of justice during this emergency, effective **March 31, 2020**:

1. The Court authorizes the tolling, from the effective date of this order **through May 4, 2020**, of all laws, rules, and procedures setting time limits all judgments, support, and other orders. Further, no interest shall be due or charged during this tolled period.
2. **Through May 4, 2020**, the Union City City Court is authorized to continue and/or reschedule all non-essential hearings and bench trials, excluding emergency matter and subject to Constitutional limitations.
3. **Through May 4, 2020**, the Union City City Court is authorized to issue summonses in lieu of bench warrants, writs of attachment, notices of failure to appear, or notices of failure to pay; and to exercise flexibility in granting continuances or extending deadlines and in issuing driver's-license suspensions for failure to appear or failure to pay.
4. **Through May 4, 2020**, the Union City City Court Clerk is authorized to make drop box available for conventionally filed documents and receipt of payment in addition to receiving payments electronically or by mail.
5. The Union City City Court shall continue to be accessible to the public by telephone, e-mail, and regular mail, and shall maintain sufficient operations to process emergency matters.

6. The Union City City Court shall file a status update **no later than May 1, 2020** to inform this Court of whether there is an ongoing need for emergency relief.  
Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 4/1/2020.



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Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana