

OZARK MUNICIPAL COURT

City of Ozark, Missouri



102 West Brick
Ozark, Missouri 65721

Fax 417-581-0695
Phone 417-582-5883

Honorable Jason W. Johnson
Municipal Court Judge

Alyssa Bougher
Municipal Court Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI OZARK MUNICIPAL DIVISION

OPERATING ORDER

WHEREAS, in response to the Declaration of National and State Emergencies following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic, this Court, in conjunction with the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri, has entered orders directing the operation of Ozark Municipal Court proceedings during the crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri issued its order and operational directives effective August 1, 2020. This order provides Missouri judicial circuits with “operational directives” governing a plan for normalization of court operations and supersedes all previous orders.

WHEREFORE, the Municipal Judge of the City of Ozark, Missouri, hereby enters the following order:

- 1) Effective October 6, 2020, this Court will be closed to in-person court proceedings. This determination has been made due to a positive COVID-19 test for an essential employee of the Court, and has necessitated a quarantine of all Court employees for the next 14 days.
- 2) All proceedings currently scheduled on the docket for Tuesday, October 20, 2020, are hereby canceled, and those matters shall be rescheduled at a date in the future.
- 3) Municipal Clerk’s Office employees shall be allowed to work from home as necessary and directed by the City of Ozark pursuant to its COVID-19 policy. Notifications shall be sent to all defendants who are scheduled to appear on the above-referenced court dates for their new court dates in the future.
- 4) During this temporary closure, judges and court staff will be encouraged to utilize all available technologies, including telephone or teleconferencing whenever possible to limit the necessity of any personal appearances by defendants or attorneys.

5) Judicial employees will be subject to quarantine or isolation based on various circumstances. Any employee who experiences symptoms they think might be related to COVID-19 or who has a known exposure to another person that is symptomatic or COVID-19 positive should immediately report that circumstance to their supervisor for further instructions. The Municipal Judge for the City of Ozark shall continue to be available on a daily basis via telephone or teleconference to review Court related matters, including bond questions, administrative questions, etc.

6) This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until Monday, November 2, 2020, unless further extended by a subsequent order of the Court. At this time, it is the intention of the Court to re-open for its normal docket on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. as originally scheduled. However, should additional quarantine of Court personnel and closure of the Court be necessary, this Court shall extend this order via a superseding order.

Dated: October 15, 2020



Jason W. Johnson
Municipal Judge, City of Ozark, Missouri