## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT GENERAL ORDER 2020 – 15

SUBJECT: Provide Courtroom Number and Judge's Name, etc.

**WHEREAS:** Chief Judge Timothy P. Evans entered General Orders effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and on June 26, 2020 extended that order with a modified order extending court operations beyond July 6, 2020 to ensure health and safety of court personnel and those entering public buildings. Reducing the risk of infection with the coronavirus requires individuals to avoid direct contact with others whenever possible.

**WHEREAS:** In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, Cook County Circuit Court Judges and court personnel, the court wishes to limit the number of persons who are required to appear in person for court matters.

**WHEREAS:** New procedures have been implemented to reduce the number of persons present in the courthouse (Richard J. Daley Center) and thus make it necessary that certain identifying information be provided by individuals contacting the court staff regarding files, pending cases, new cases and the like.

## NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020:

- 1. Anyone seeking or providing information to email address: CCC.FirstMunicipal @ CookCountyil.gov regarding court matters must provide:
  - a. an email address,
  - b. courtroom number where case is pending,
  - c. Judge's name,
  - d. case number, and
  - e. Telephone number of person sending the email.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 7th day of July 2020.

Presiding Judge E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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Circuit Court-1624

E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.

PRESIDING JUDGE

FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT