

VIRGINIA:

**IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF PETERSBURG
CIVIL DIVISION**

ORDER

It appearing to the Court that President of the United State and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia have issued certain emergency declarations concerning the health and safety of our citizens due to the recent increase in Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 cases;

And it further appearing to the Court that the federal Center for Disease Control has issued guidance, including mitigation strategies for communities to reduce or eliminate large gatherings of individuals in order to avoid the spread of the said infection;

And it further appearing to the Court that it is authorized under Virginia Code section 16.1-69.35(5) to determine when the Court shall be open for the transection of business and may authorize the court and the Clerk's Office to close when, "under prevailing conditions, [it] would constitute a threat to the health and safety of the clerk's office personnel or the general public[...]";

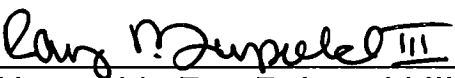
It is hereby **ORDERED** that the General District Court is CLOSED to the general public beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 to April 6, 2020.

It is further **ORDERED** that all pending civil cases docketed between Monday, March 16, 2020 and Monday April 6, 2020 are hereby continued generally on the Court's docket and that the parties and counsel shall be notified by mail of the rescheduled court date.

It is further **ORDERED** that during the period of March 16, 2020 and April 6, 2020, the Court will conduct hearings on emergency motions, including but not limited to motions for unlawful exclusion. During the same period, the Clerk's Office shall remain open to receive pleadings and other filings as necessary.

This **ORDER** shall remain in effect pending further order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.



The Honorable Ray P. Lupold III, Chief Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit