

**ARLINGTON COUNTY and CITY OF FALLS CHURCH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**ORDER EXTENDING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ON WRIT OF EVICTIONS**

It appearing to the Court that on August 7, 2020 the Supreme Court of Virginia entered an Amendment of Eighth Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to Covid-19 Emergency. The Order modifies and extends the Declaration of Judicial Emergency regarding the issuance of Writ of Evictions through September 7, 2020;

The Court finds the following docket management is consistent with the August 7, 2020 Order from the Supreme Court of Virginia. It is, therefore, ORDERED:

**1. Pending Orders for Possession or Writ of Evictions That Have Not Been Issued.**

No Writ of Eviction shall be issued for the recovery of property based upon a judgment for possession related to the failure to pay rent. The 180-day time period set forth in Sections 8.01-470 and 8.01-471 for the issuance of a Writ of Eviction on a judgment for possession related to failure to pay rent shall be tolled during the pendency of the Supreme Court Order suspending the issuance of Writ of Evictions, currently August 10, 2020 through September 7, 2020.

**2. Writ of Evictions Issued and Pending Service or Execution.**


All Writ of Evictions that have previously been issued and pending service or execution by the Sheriff shall be canceled. A plaintiff seeking to have a Writ of Eviction served that is unrelated to a failure to pay rent shall file a written motion with the Court for an Order authorizing the Sheriff to serve the Writ of Eviction. Any Writ of Eviction canceled by this Order because it is related to failure to pay rent may be refiled by the plaintiff for the issuance of a new Writ of Eviction after the Virginia Supreme Court suspension of Writ of Evictions has been lifted, currently after September 7<sup>th</sup>. Plaintiff shall not be assessed filing fees upon the refiling of any canceled Writ of Eviction pursuant to this Order. The 180-day time period set forth in Code Sections 8.01-470 and 8.01-471 for the issuance of a Writ of Eviction on a judgment for possession related to failure to pay rent shall be tolled during the pendency of the Supreme Court Order suspending the issuance of Writ of Evictions, currently August 10, 2020 through September 7, 2020.

**3. Pending Unlawful Detainer Proceedings**

All Unlawful Detainer proceedings currently pending for first return, trial, or other proceedings will proceed on the docket as scheduled. Any judgment that is entered on unlawful detainers for failure to pay rent may be redeemed during the pendency of the Supreme Court Order suspending the issuance of Writ of Evictions.

**4. Prior Orders.** The Orders previously entered by this Court in relation to the Covid-19 emergency, to the extent not modified by this Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

08-07-2020  
DATED

  
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Jason S. Rucker, Chief Judge  
Arlington County General District Court