### MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (City of St. Louis)

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In re:	)	
	)	COVID-19 ORDER 37
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Modification of ORDER 35 relating to	)	Division No. 1
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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, directives from various levels of government and from the Joint Board of Health and Hospitals have declared that evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic create a public health crises, as it is not in the interest of public health to displace persons from their homes during this COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the following precautionary measures is necessary to combat the spread of the disease and for the protection of the public from the risks associated with the pandemic disease:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately, that:

**Evictions** 

All evictions in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit are hereby suspended up to and including January 31, 2021, except for:

# 1. EXPEDITED EVICTIONS UNDER CHAP 441.710 et seq.

Writs of evictions shall be allowed for possession of premises on behalf of Plaintiffs who have received judgments for possession when the grounds for eviction was established for drug or other activity as provided in Sections 441.710 through 441.880 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

## 2. EVICTIONS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PERMITTED REASONS:

Writs of evictions shall be allowed for possession of the premises on behalf of Plaintiffs who have received judgments for possession when the grounds for eviction was based on a tenant, lessee, or resident:

- (1) Engaging in criminal activity while on the premises:
- (2) Threatening the health or safety of the other residents:
- (3) Damaging or posing an immediate and significant risk of damage to property;
- (4) Violating any applicable building code, health ordinance, or similar regulation relating to health and safety; or
- (5) Violating any other contractual obligation, other than timely payment of rent or similar housing related payment (including non-payment or late payment of fees penalties or interest).

### 3. EXECUTIONS AS TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Writs of evictions shall be allowed on behalf of Plaintiffs who have received judgments for possession of commercial premises.

This Order will remain in effect up to and including January 31, 2021, or as amended or extended by further order of this Court.

Date: December 23, 2020

SQ ORDERED:

Rex M. Burlison Presiding Judge Division 1

SO ORDERED:

Michael F. Stelzer

Assistant Presiding Judge

Division 6