

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-05

FILING EXHIBITS VIA FILE AND SERVE

WHEREAS, a public health emergency exists based on the outbreak of the coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS on May 22, 2020, Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera issued an Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations (“Court Re-Opening Plan”); and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, magistrates and other individuals entering the courthouse buildings, the Circuit Court for Howard County will continue to conduct in-person and remote proceedings and pursuant to Maryland Rule 20-106 (e) and the Judiciary’s, MDEC Policies and Procedures manual, encourages the electronic filing for exhibits for all hearings (remote, in-person and in-person hearings with remote testimony);

NOW THEREFORE, it is ORDERED beginning August 31, 2020, that in addition to accepting pre-filed exhibits for remote hearings, the Clerk shall accept pre-filed exhibits for in-person hearings. All other aspects of Maryland Rule 20-106 and the MDEC Policies and Procedures shall remain the authority of this court.

ORDERED the above polices will remain in effect until further order of this court.

William V. Tucker
County Administrative Judge

ENTERED

AUG 28 2020

CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT
HOWARD COUNTY