

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re:

Continued Bankruptcy Court Operations
During the Exigent Circumstances Caused
by COVID-19

Administrative Order
No. 2020-06

ORDER EXTENDING COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Because of the public health crisis caused by COVID-19, on March 16, 2020 the Court entered Administrative Order No. 2020-04 (“Order”). The Order described and adopted certain emergency procedures for the continued operations of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan to protect the health interests of the parties and attorneys who have matters in this Court, the Court personnel, and the general public. The Order also provided that the Court would continue to monitor this public health crisis and adopt such additional procedures going forward as the Court determines are needed to fulfill the Court’s mission to serve the public and protect the public health.

As more information about the health dangers of COVID-19 has become available, federal, state and local governmental units continue to adopt new measures to address this crisis. The Court has done so too, entering on March 19, 2020 a second

Administrative Order No. 2020-05, that temporarily suspends under specified conditions the requirement to obtain an original wet signature before electronically filing a paper with the Court. And the Clerk of the Court has issued several notices, all of which are posted on the Court's website, advising of other, additional procedures adopted by the Court pursuant to the Order.

The Order specifies that these emergency procedures are effective "through April 13, 2020, or until further order of the Court". Because this public health crisis continues, the Court has decided to indefinitely extend the effective date of the Order, with one exception explained below, regarding the filing of traditional papers by pro se parties. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, except as otherwise expressly stated in this order, the emergency procedures adopted by the Order shall continue to apply indefinitely, past April 13, 2020, until further order of the Court. This includes the terms of Administrative Order No. 2020-05, and the procedures subsequently adopted by the Court pursuant to the Order, all of which are described in the notices issued by the Clerk of the Court and posted on the Court's website.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that paragraph 4 of the Order is modified as follows: the Court will no longer have a drop box in Detroit to accept traditional paper filings by pro se parties. Pro se parties who wish to file traditional papers are directed to follow the procedures described in the Clerk of the Court's April 3, 2020 Notice

Regarding New Procedures for Accepting Documents from Parties not Represented by an Attorney, that is posted on the Court's website.



/s/ Phillip J. Shefferly

Phillip J. Shefferly

Chief Judge

United States Bankruptcy Court

For the Eastern District of Michigan

Signed on April 6, 2020