

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: CHANGE IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE
POLICY DURING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY FROM
COVID-19

No. 6 FOR 2020
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

ORDER OF COURT

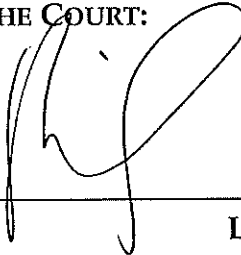
AND NOW, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, inasmuch as this court has declared a judicial emergency under Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2) in response to the expected spread of COVID-19, the Order of Court is as follows:

1. The Bedford County Domestic Relations Office shall no longer accept over-the-counter payments of an obligor's normal monthly support obligation.
2. If an obligor appears at the Bedford County Domestic Relations Office to make a payment, the Office shall provide the obligor with a payment envelope and instruct the obligor to mail the payment to the Pennsylvania State Collection and Disbursement Unit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
3. Payments mailed to the Bedford County Domestic Relations Office shall continue to be processed.
4. Court ordered "purge" payments from contempt proceedings shall continue to be paid directly to the Bedford County Domestic Relations Office. Provided, however,

that said payments shall be in the form of a certified bank check or money order, payable to the "Bedford County Domestic Relations Office."

5. Any and all applications filed at the Bedford County Domestic Relations Office through E-Services shall be accepted without requiring the petitioner's personal attendance at the Domestic Relations Office, nor a physical signature. The procedure for filing for services in person at the Domestic Relations Office shall remain unchanged.
6. This Order of Court shall remain in full force and effect until the declaration of judicial emergency in the 57th Judicial District has ended.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Livengood', written over a horizontal line.

LIVENGOOD, J.

Distribution:

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