

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY  
PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT**

**President Judge Administrative Order**

**No. 17 of 2020**

**In re: Stay of Execution on Personal Property**

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 22nd day of April, 2020, in consideration of the public health emergency created by COVID-19, the emergency declarations issued by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on March 16, 18 and April 1, 2020 (Nos. 531 and 532 Judicial Administration Docket), the Administrative Governing Board of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Governor Tom Wolf and Mayor James F. Kenney, and the need for all Philadelphia residents to remain at home or at their place of residence to avoid spreading COVID-19, as well as the financial impact on parties with limited resources, and the need of persons to access bank accounts that may be subject to writ of attachments, the Court finds that relief from execution on personal property is an essential function and therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED that:**

- (1) the Court of Common Pleas and the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall not issue any writs of execution or attachment seeking the enforcement of money judgments, including garnishment of bank accounts until further order of court; and
- (2) any writs of execution already issued by the Court of Common Pleas and Philadelphia Municipal Court but not served shall not be served until further order of Court; and
- (3) any person who does not have access to a bank account as a result of a writ of attachment may file an emergency petition claiming an exemption, a petition challenging the attachment, or a petition challenging the underlying judgment as follows:
  - (a) **Court of Common Pleas:** through the Civil Electronic Filing System at <https://fjdefile.phila.gov>; and
  - (b) **Philadelphia Municipal Court:**
    - (i) persons who are authorized users of the Court's electronic CLAIMS system may file electronically by using CLAIMS at <https://fjdclaims.phila.gov>; and
    - (ii) persons who are not authorized users of the Court's electronic CLAIMS filing system, they may file electronically with the Court by contacting the Court via email at [erin.ferry@courts.phila.gov](mailto:erin.ferry@courts.phila.gov) or [maggie.mehan@courts.phila.gov](mailto:maggie.mehan@courts.phila.gov) or by calling the Court at 215-686-2988; and
- (4) upon filing, the emergency petitions will be assigned for disposition as may be determined by the applicable Court from time to time.

**BY THE COURT:**

*/s/ Idee C. Fox*

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**Hon. Idee C. Fox, President Judge  
Court of Common Pleas  
Philadelphia County**

*/s/ Patrick F. Dugan*

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**Hon. Patrick F. Dugan, President Judge  
Philadelphia Municipal Court  
Philadelphia County**