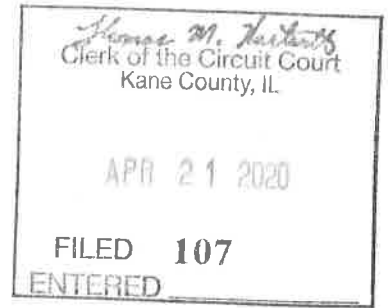


**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
GENERAL ORDER 20-16  
effective April 21, 2020**



**IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 )  
WAIVER AND SUSPENSION OF )  
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AND )  
COMMUNITY RESTITUTION )  
SERVICE FEES COLLECTION )**

**WHEREAS** in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court, this Court's inherent authority;

**WHEREAS** pursuant to General Order 11-23, the Circuit Clerk is ordered to collect and deposit an additional \$25 monthly fee for offenders ordered to complete community service based on a condition of conditional discharge or those ordered to supervised community service that have not completed said hours within six months of initial order. The fees collected under this general order are deposited into the Probation Fund (Account Number 370-430-0000-35900); and

**WHEREAS** starting March 16, 2020, in an effort to increase social distancing to reduce exposure to Covid-19, Governor Pritzker began the first of a series of executive orders that have limited the functions of court systems and the operations of non-profit agencies across the State of Illinois. Executive Order 20-10 ordered all individuals to stay at home with exceptions for essential activities, essential government functions and essential businesses. All non-essential businesses and operations are ordered to cease, aside from minimum basic operations; and

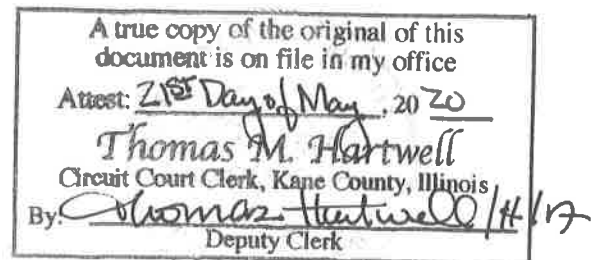
**WHEREAS** based on the operational consequences of the executive orders, offenders with sentences that include community service hours are unable to complete those hours as ordered, and their inability to complete said hours are not willful and shall be considered out of their control; and

**WHEREAS** based upon the recommendations of health officials regarding the precautions that will need to be taken to prevent additional exposure and the spread of Covid-19 in the upcoming months it is unlikely that offenders with sentences that include community service will be able to find work sites to complete community service hours; and

**WHEREAS** that in the interest of justice and in consideration of all of the above:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** Until further Order of this Court

- 1) In any pending case that an offender has been sentenced to complete community service hours as part of their sentence, the community service portion of the sentence is hereby waived;



- 2) In any future case where an offender is sentenced to complete community service hours as part of their sentence, the community service portion of the sentence is hereby suspended;
- 3) Beginning March 16, 2020, in all pending cases where an offender has been ordered to complete community service hours as a part of their sentence the \$25 monthly community service fee charged will be waived;
- 4) In all future cases from this date forward where an offender is ordered to complete community service hours as part of their sentence, the \$25 monthly community service fee will be waived until such time that the Court vacates the Order suspending the completion of community service hours.

Nothing in this Order prohibits a Court from sentencing an offender to complete community service hours as part of any sentence ordered after the effective date of this Order. The only impact is that the offender is not required to begin performing their community service hours until further Order of this Court.

Entered this 21st day of April 2020, and effective April 21st, 2020.

  
Clint Hull, Chief Judge