

Name: Jackson Area Landlords Association

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Comment:

The Jackson Area Landlords Association embraces the use of technology and remote hearings over zoom or other electronic means. This is a benefit to the Court, protects court employees, and accommodates tenants and property owner's schedules.

We urge Administrative Order No. 2020-17 be rescinded, and amendment to MCR 4.201 restricted to allowing remote hearings. Administrative Order No. 2020-17 is predicated upon a "shelter in place" philosophy to protect the public health. With the proliferation of vaccines and relaxed restrictions on public assembly, that protection of the public health no longer exist. We are free to shop, attend worship services, and dine in restaurants, but not engage the court system to recover property in a timely manner. The consequences of Administrative Order No. 2020-17 were involuntary cancellation or extension of contracts, and shifting the delicate balance forged by the legislature between tenants and property owners, exclusively to tenants.