

## **Justice Court of Clay County**

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## STANDING ORDER REGARDING DOCKETING OR CONTINUANCE OF A CRIMINAL CASE

- 1. Upon entering a plea of "not guilty" by the defendant or upon receiving a notice of representation by attorney, the Court will place the case on a Pre-Trial Hearing Docket.
- 2. If the case is not resolved by the Pre-Trial Hearing date or the defendant or their representative does not appear at the Pre-Trial Hearing, the case will be placed on the Trial Docket and proper notice sent to the defendant or their representative.
- 3. Defendant will be allowed up to two (2) motions for continuance for hearings and/or trials, combined. Continuances must be for good cause as determined by the Court.
- 4. After the two (2) requests referenced in item #3, additional requests for continuances must be requested by motion and accompanied by a **NOTICE OF AGREED SETTING** which shall be signed by the attorney for the State and by the defendant (or attorney for the defendant if represented). The Court shall be consulted prior to entering a date and time for the reset. These requests must be received by the Court at least 10 business days prior to the date of the current setting.
- 5. If a motion for continuance is opposed, the party filing the motion shall state:
  - a. The expected length of time necessary for a hearing or trial.
  - b. That the party has conferred with the opposing party concerning available dates.
  - c. Suggested hearing dates and times.
- 6. No motion for continuance will be considered which does not comply with this Order.
- 7. This Order shall not be interpreted to restrict the discretion of the Court in any respect regarding whether to require a hearing on any uncontested or agreed matter presented to the Court for approval.

Signed this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Judge, Justice Court of Clay County