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April 17, 2020

Important Notice; Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings Extended

Beginning March 16, 2020, the Tribunal suspended all in-person hearings and prehearing conferences until April 20, 2020, pursuant to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) Policy and Procedure for Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings, issued on March 13, 2020. MOAHR has extended the suspension of all in-person administrative hearings until May 11, 2020, consistent with Governor Whitmer's emergency Executive Orders 2020-42 and 2020-45. This policy is adopted and effective today, April 17, 2020.

The Tribunal's in-person Small Claims hearings have been converted to telephonic hearings. Entire Tribunal hearings through May 11, 2020 have been adjourned and Entire Tribunal in-person prehearing conferences have been converted to telephonic.

Please refer to the MOAHR Policy on page two for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John G. Smith".

Tribunal Chair
Michigan Tax Tribunal



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Policy Statement:

Consistent with Governor Whitmer’s Executive Orders 2020-42 and 2020-45, and to continue to suppress the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the suspension of all in-person administrative hearings until May 11, 2020, subject to further extension if warranted by the circumstances.

Procedure:

1. All currently scheduled and requested in-person hearings shall be converted to three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference hearings, with proper party notifications.
2. All currently scheduled and requested in-person hearings that cannot be converted to three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference hearings shall be adjourned or otherwise scheduled after May 11, 2020, with proper party notifications.
3. Except as provided in paragraph 4, all future hearings are to be scheduled for participation by the administrative law judge and the parties via three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference.
4. For those case types in which hearings cannot be conducted via three-way telephone, teleconference, or video teleconference, such hearings shall be scheduled after May 11, 2020, on a limited basis and consistent with all relevant mitigation and social distancing guidelines.

Approved by:

Suzanne D. Sonneborn, Executive Director, MOAHR