



**UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM
OFFICE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
SUFFOLK COUNTY**

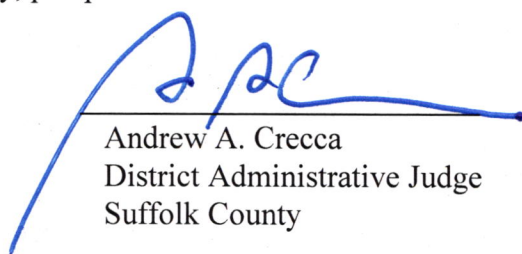
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY**

AMENDED ORDER NO. 98 - 20

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as District Administrative Judge, Administrative Order 98-20 is hereby amended in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System (UCS) in Administrative Order 232/20 and Administrative Order 157/20 directing the Administrative Judge to develop an appropriate plan for conducting foreclosure auctions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. I hereby order that effective October 23, 2020, the following process will be used for scheduling and conducting foreclosure auctions in Suffolk County.

All foreclosure auctions shall be conducted in accordance with the Suffolk County Foreclosure Auction Rules and Procedures in effect at the time of the auction. In order to schedule a foreclosure sale, Court-appointed Referees in foreclosure matters must contact the Court Fiduciary Office via e-mail at SuffAuctions@nycourts.gov with the proposed details of the foreclosure sale (including the title of the action and its index number, the town where the auction is to take place and the requested date and time for the auction) and the Fiduciary Office will either confirm the proposed date, time and place or ask the Referee to re-schedule the sale to prevent multiple auctions from taking place simultaneously at one location.

The Referees must ensure that UCS COVID-19 related protocols addressing social distancing, wearing of masks, and (if indoors) screening of attendees, are complied with at the foreclosure auction. The Referees shall also ensure that post-sale paperwork and any other interactions relating to the foreclosure sale take place outdoors to the fullest extent possible and, whether these interactions take place outside or inside the Town Hall, the Referees must enforce all UCS COVID-19 related protocols in effect at the time. If such compliance is not possible, the Referee must either relocate or, if necessary, postpone the auction.


Andrew A. Crecca
District Administrative Judge
Suffolk County

DATED: October 22, 2020
Central Islip, New York

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