



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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
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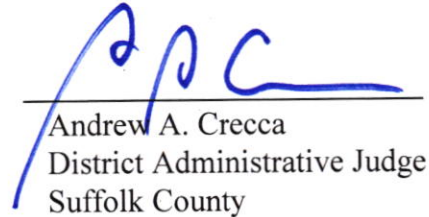
ORDER NO. 98 - 20

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System and Administrative Order 157/20 directing the Administrative Judge to develop appropriate procedures and protocols for the safe and healthful conduct of foreclosure auctions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, I hereby order that effective October 15, 2020, the following process will be used for scheduling and conducting foreclosure auctions in Suffolk County.

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 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 any requirements in effect at the time of the sale regarding social distancing and face coverings are complied with by all participants in 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 any

requirements in effect at the time regarding social distancing and face coverings. Should a Referee believe the situation to be unsafe or if there is non-compliance with safety protocols, the Referee may, in his/her discretion, cancel or postpone the auction.



Andrew A. Crecca
District Administrative Judge
Suffolk County

DATED: September 24, 2020
Central Islip, New York

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