

Supreme Court of Kentucky

ORDER

2020-78

**In Re: Extension of Deadline for Remitting Excess Fees Under AP
 Part IV, Master Commissioners of the Circuit Court**

In light of the declared federal and state emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions placed on judicial sales as a result of the health and safety measures adopted by this Court, most recently via Administrative Order 2020-72 prohibiting in-person judicial sales altogether until after February 1, 2021, and in consideration of the financial impact the COVID-19 pandemic and the above-referenced restrictions have had on the ability of master commissioners to conduct judicial sales, generate fees, and pay the salaries and expenses of their offices, the Supreme Court, under Section 116 of the Kentucky Constitution, hereby orders that for calendar year 2020, the deadline for remitting excess fees to the Administrative Office of the Courts is extended as follows:

1. For calendar year 2020, notwithstanding AP Part IV Sec. 10(4) requiring that excess fees be remitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts with the annual accounting report on or before March 1st of each year, fees in excess of the personal compensation of the master commissioner, less authorized salaries and expenses, shall be remitted on or before June 15, 2021, and, as further provided in AP Part IV Sec. 9(3), anticipated three months' expenses, excluding the master commissioner salary, may be retained.
2. The annual accounting report for calendar year 2020 must be submitted within the usual timeframe, on or before March 1, 2021, as required by AP Part IV Sec. 10(2).

This Order shall be effective upon entry.

Entered this 23rd day of December 2020.



CHIEF JUSTICE

All sitting; all concur.