

**ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE	)	THURSDAY, 21st
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LISE MAISONNEUVE	)	OF JANUARY, 2021.
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**ORDER**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT***  
**EXTENDING TIME PERIODS UNDER THE *PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT***  
**FOR PROCEEDINGS IN THE ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE, RELATING TO**  
***PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT* APPEALS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Government of Ontario declared a second state of emergency on January 12, 2021 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Ontario issued a Stay-At-Home Order pursuant to Ontario Regulation 11/21 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on January 13, 2021.

**AND WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is disrupting the availability of court services to accept the filing of *Provincial Offences Act* appeals.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Ontario's order made pursuant to Ontario Regulation 73/20 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* suspending time limitations expired September 13, 2020.

**AND WHEREAS**, this Order is necessary to prevent prejudice to parties relating to *Provincial Offences Act* appeals, due to the limited availability of court services to accept *Provincial Offences Act* appeals.

**AND WHEREAS**, it would be impractical to require each affected party to request an extension of time to file an appeal under the *Provincial Offences Act* individually.

**THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to section 85 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, the time limits for proceedings in the Ontario Court of Justice prescribed under *Provincial Offences Act* in sections 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and under sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94, are extended until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**THE COURT ALSO ORDERS** any order previously given extending a time period in a matter beyond April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is still in effect.

**FOR GREATER CLARITY** the Order made on November 25, 2020 extending time limits for proceedings in the Ontario Court of Justice prescribed under *Provincial Offences Act* in sections 5(6), 5.1(2), 5.1(12), 9(1)(a), 11(1), 11(4), 17(4.1), 17.1(6.1), 18.1(5), 18.2(1), 18.3(1), 19(1), 19(4), 66(1), 69(1), remains in force until February 26, 2021.

**THIS COURT FURTHER ORDERS** that this Order be posted in a visible place in all court offices dealing with *Provincial Offences Act* matters in the province of Ontario as soon as practicable.



Lise Maisonneuve  
Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice