

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE

THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE)
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LISE MAISONNEUVE)
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THURSDAY, 31st
OF MARCH, 2021.

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***

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 the *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, that would have expired on or after March 15, 2020 are extended until September 7, 2021.

THE COURT ALSO ORDERS any order previously given extending a time period in a matter beyond September 7, 2021 is still in effect.

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