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Administrative Order 2020-1

Garfield County District Court Emergency Order

On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID - 19). On March 4, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-8-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington courts to "adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current public health emergency."

On March 11, 2020 the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people within King, Snohomish, and Pierce County due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region;

On March 13, 2020 the Governor ordered the closure of all schools in the State and on March 16, 2020 ordered closure of all bars, restaurants and clubs in the State in addition to limiting gatherings to no more than 50 people.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority given this Court through Washington State Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602 and authority granted to the Presiding Judge of the Garfield County District Court pursuant to GR 29, This Emergency Order is effective March 17, 2020, and shall remain in effect unless renewed, modified or rescinded by the Garfield County District Court Presiding Judge. Garfield County District Court will remain open, pending further Order of the Court.

Order

1. Protection Order and Compliance Hearings

- (a) All civil protection order hearings for Unlawful Harassment, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault and Extreme Risk Protection Orders will be heard telephonically or calendared at a later date.
- (b) All compliance hearings pursuant to RCW 10.21.055 and weapons surrender orders pursuant to Chapter 9.41. RCW will be heard telephonically or calendared at a later date.
- (c) All ex parte petitions will be determined based solely on the petition unless otherwise directed by a Judicial Officer.

2. Criminal Hearings

- (a) The Time for Trial provisions of CrRLJ 3.3 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602.
- (b) Arraignments: All non-in-custody arraignments will be continued until after 30 April 2020. Time for Arraignment provisions of CrRLJ 4.1 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602. All direct file cases by cities that contract with the District Court will be continued to a date after 30 April 2020 and the court will summons the defendant for the new date.
- (c) Motions: All criminal motions currently calendared, with the exceptions noted below, are stricken from the calendar and may be re-noted after 30 April 2020. The following hearings are determined to be necessary and may be heard telephonically:
- Motions to quash warrants.
 - Motions regarding bail.
 - Motions for TRO from custody.
 - Motions to review pre-trial release conditions.
 - Any other Motion with the consent of a Judicial Officer.
- (d) Readiness, Jury Trials & Probation Review Hearings: Pre-trial Readiness, Jury Trials and Probation Review Hearings currently calendared are continued to a date after 30 April 2020.

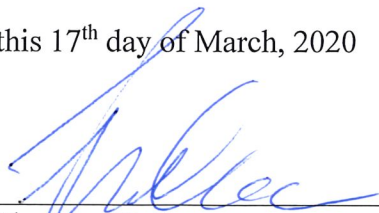
3. Traffic Infraction Hearings

All traffic infraction hearings currently calendared in response to a defendant's request for a personal appearance are continued to a date after 30 April 2020. New hearing notices will be sent by the Court. Hearings currently calendared for appearance on written statements pursuant to IRLJ 3.5 will continue to be heard. Time for Hearing provisions of IRLJ 2.6 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602.

4. Civil Proceedings

Civil Motions, Change of Name, Small Claim, Mediation Hearings, Small Claim Trial, Vehicle Impound Hearings and all other civil proceedings not otherwise addressed in this Order that are currently noted for hearing before 30 April 2020 are continued. Civil Motions may be re-noted by the moving party after 30 April 2020. All other civil matters will be re-set for hearing after 30 April 2020 by the Court.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020



Judge Thomas W. Cox
Presiding Judge