ABERDEEN MUNICIPAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE THEAT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	**SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

WHEREAS, the state and the nation are still in a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Washington State Department of Health have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people and have encouraged vulnerable individuals to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee extended the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order on April 29, 2020 requiring Washingtonians to stay home except to pursue essential activities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Supreme Court issued its Second Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations on April 29, 2020 granting this court continued authority to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders as warranted to address the state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to this court's authority to administer justice and to ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants, and the public,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1) The Aberdeen Municipal Court lobby and front counter will remain closed to the public until further order of the court. During this closure, the public may contact court staff by phone, email or fax. The public is also encouraged to visit the court's website to pay fines, pay quash warrant fees, and find court dates. Requests for warrant quashes may be made through the public defender or by calling or mailing the court. Defendants shall be notified by mail or telephone of the court's decision.

2) All criminal matters shall be heard by video, telephone or other means which does not require in-person attendance and shall be accessible to the public by video or telephone. The audio recording shall be preserved for the record.

3) Out-of-custody criminal arraignments may be deferred until a date 45 days after the filing of charges.

4) In-custody criminal matters may be continued until after June 1, 2020 except arraignments, plea hearings, criminal motions and sentencing hearings.

5) Based on the finding that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to continue criminal trials and constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrRLJ 3.3 (e)(8), the time between the date of this Order and September 1, 2020 shall be excluded when calculating time for trial. CrRLJ 3.3(e)(3).

6) All hearings on motions to modify or rescind a domestic violence no-contact order issued by this court shall be conducted by written statement. The instructions and form are located on the court's website and may be submitted by mail, email or fax. The court reserves the right to conduct the hearing by video or telephone with notice to the protected party. The protected party will be notified by mail or telephone of the court's decision.

7) All civil cases, including traffic and dog hearings, shall be conducted by video, telephone or on written statements.

8) Community Court participants shall continue to check in weekly with the Judicial Coordinator, Joey Bannish, by telephone.

9) The Community Service Program which is run in conjunction with the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department remains suspended.

10) All court dates may be located on the court's website or by contacting the court. Any party needing to update his/her address should contact the court.

11) This order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community, as well as the recommendations of public health officials.

DATED: May 4, 2020

JUDGE SUSAN L. SOLAN