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**DISTRICT COURT
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

*IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF GRAYS HARBOR*

IN THE MATTER OF

Emergency Response to a Threat
To Public Health

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

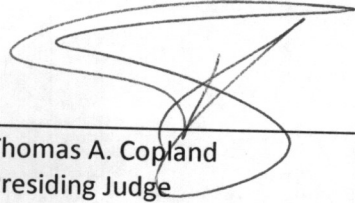
NO. 2020-6D

WHEREAS, after Administrative Order 4-D was entered, both the Washington State Supreme Court and the Grays Harbor Superior Court has issued further orders regarding court proceedings during the COVID crisis; and WHEREAS, the Grays Harbor County Courthouse is scheduled to re-open to public access on June 29, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Both Departments 1 and 2 will be open to public access beginning June 29, 2020. Both Departments will continue, however, to conduct remote hearings using "zoom" technology. For most hearings, litigants and counsel may choose whether to appear remotely or in-person. Criminal trials, non-infracton civil trials and small claims proceedings will be in-person. Hearings by "zoom" will continue to be broadcast over Youtube.
2. Social distancing will be enforced in both Departments, and the courtrooms will have limited capacity. Due to limited capacity, the Court may limit the number of non-case participants in the courtroom. Case hearing times will be staggered. Masks will be required in the courtrooms with the exception set forth in paragraph 7 of Superior Court General Order 2020-7. Active participants in a court proceeding will not be required to wear a mask during that proceeding. The court may also direct the removal of masks to facilitate clear communication and due process and to ensure a clear electronic recording of the proceedings can be made.
3. Beginning June 30, 2020, all civil protection full order hearings will again be heard in Department 2.
4. All other provisions of Administrative Order 2020-4D shall remain in full force and effect.

DATED 25 of June, 2020



Thomas A. Copland
Presiding Judge