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IN THE HOQUIAM MUNICIPAL COURT
GRAY HARBOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE)
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH

GENERAL ORDER 2020-2

EMERGENCY ORDER RE:
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Hoquiam on March 13, 2020 declared a state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners on March 12, 2020 declared a county emergency in Grays Harbor County related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Washington State on February 29, 2020 declared a state of emergency in all counties in the state of Washington due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, President DONALD TRUMP on March 13, 2020 declared a national emergency related to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 declared that the spread of the COVID-19 had created a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted, to address the current state of emergency

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. All hearings including arraignments, pretrial conferences, motions, compliance review hearings and trials currently scheduled will be continued.

2. As to such continuances, the court finds good cause, pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3(f), and that the continuances are required in the administration of justice. Such continuances will not prejudice any

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1 defendant in the presentation of his or her defense. Each case will, in addition to this order, be addressed
2 on a case by case basis.

3 3. The time periods of the continuances set forth in this General Order are excluded periods for
4 the purposes of computing time for trial, pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3.

5 4. Criminal arraignments and pretrial hearings will be scheduled/continued approximately six
6 weeks unless the court determines that a sooner setting is required in the interests of public safety.

7 5. For all hearings continued by effect of this order, notices will mailed to the defendant. Any
8 party needing to update his/her address with the court shall contact the court.

9 6. There will be no traffic court for the rest of March, and all of April. All mitigation and
10 contested hearings currently scheduled will be continued to May 12, 2020.

11 7. Effective immediately, the Hoquiam Municipal Court front counter is closed to the public
12 until further order of the Court. During this closure, the public may contact court staff by phone, mail,
13 email, or fax. Requests to quash a bench warrant may be made by calling the Court. All requests shall
14 be reviewed in chambers by the Court. Defendants shall be notified by mail or telephone of the Court's
15 decision.

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17 Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.

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21 Jim Parker – Judge Pro Tem