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JEFFERSON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE RESPONSE BY THE COURT TO PUBLIC) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
HEALTH EMERGENCY COVID-19)
) NO. JS05-2020
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WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) has now reached worldwide pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, people within Washington State and Jefferson County have been diagnosed with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has 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;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court entered Order No. 25700-B-607 on March 20, 2020 which directs statewide response by Washington State Courts to COVID-19 public health emergency and entered a Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operation under Order No. 25700-B-615 and entered a Second Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations under Order No. 25700-B-618 on April 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee has declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and local public health officials have declared that the COVID-19 virus will continue to spread; and

WHEREAS. This order supersedes Administrative Order JS04-2020 entered by this Court on April 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the significant number of identified and projected cases of the disease in Washington, the severity of the risk posed to the public, the recommendations of Health Department, and the authority granted by the Washington State Supreme Court Orders, the current situation demands immediate action by the Courts.

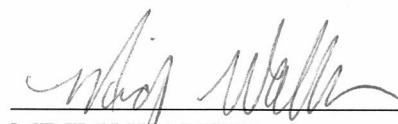
NOW, THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2020, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This Court adopts by reference the Supreme Court of Washington Order No. 25700-B-618.
2. The Judge will accept signed agreed orders of continuance off record for all cases. Also, the Court will allow appearances by telephone, video, or other remote means by any party.
3. The Court encourages attorneys to submit agreed scheduling orders for entry off-docket in all pending matters whenever possible consistent with the term of this order.
4. All out of custody criminal cases may be scheduled for any hearing via a telephone, video or other remote means at the request of either party or by direction of the Court. The Court shall provide notice of new hearing dates to defense counsel and unrepresented defendants.
5. Review hearings set to determine compliance with any **order issued to surrender weapons**, including orders issued in either criminal or civil cases, will continue as normally scheduled even if an underlying criminal case is being rescheduled to a later date.
6. **INFRACTIONS:** All currently scheduled in-person infraction hearings will be continued for 90 days. This Court finds good cause pursuant to IRLJ 6.1. Anyone with a pending infraction will continue to have the option to submit written hearing request on line or by mail. Anyone who receives an infraction is still required to respond to the notice of infraction within fifteen (15) days for the date the notice is personally served or, if the notice is served by mail, within eighteen (18) days of the date the notice is mailed. Respondents can continue to respond by mail or by submitting a written hearings request online within the time frame required.
7. **SMALL CLAIMS:** Any currently set small claims matter may be rescheduled past June 1, 2020, or handled telephonically, video or other remote means at the discretion and direction of the Court.
8. **NAME CHANGE:** All name change hearings will be conducted by telephone, video or other remote means until at least June 1, 2020.
9. **CIVIL HEARINGS:** Ex parte matters will continue to be processed.
10. **CIVIL PETITIONS FOR PROTECTION ORDERS:** These hearings will proceed as currently scheduled-including without limitation, domestic violence, anti-harassment, sexual assault, stalking or any other type of order. All hearing will be handled telephonically or virtually where possible until further notice. New petitions for such orders will be scheduled

according to the temporarily amended RCW's as outlined in the Proclamation by the Governor Amending Proclamation 20-05, 20-45 Protection Orders and Personal Service.

11. PROBATION and PRE-TRIAL MONITORING: All probation appointments will continue to presumptively be conducted by telephone, unless otherwise directed by Probation. With the exception of DUI, physical control, assault in the 4th degree and DV cases, all probation violations and motions to revoke shall be heard at date set by the Court and a summons will issue. With cases involving DUI, physical control, assault in the 4th degree and DV cases, a summons will issue unless the Court makes a finding that the violation poses a serious threat to public safety. Compliance review and motion to revoke hearings may be conducted via telephone, video or other remote means. Notices for hearings shall be provided to defense counsel and unrepresented defendants.
12. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT: Hearings resumed on April 21, 2020 at 10:30 via Zoom. Hearings shall continue to be remote through at least June 9, 2020. Participants are to check in weekly with Court staff by phone unless otherwise directed.
13. Litigants and attorneys who feel sick should not enter Jefferson County Courthouse. Anyone deemed by the Court or staff to exhibit illness symptoms may be ordered to leave the building.
14. This Order may be extended as required by the public health emergency as it may then exist and will do so by further order of the Court.
15. Electronic signatures are authorized as outlined in the Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-615. In accordance with that Order, this Court waives the provisions of GR 30 (d) that require (1) the issuance of a user ID and password to electronically file documents with the Court or clerk; (2) that a party who has filed electronically or has provided the clerk with their email address must give consent to accept electronic transmissions from the Court. For telephonic or virtual hearings, per GR 30 (d)(2)(E)(ii) the Court with permission of the signatories can affix acknowledgement of signature on the documents without the parties being present. A judicial officer may authorize and direct any Court staff to affix the judicial officer's signature on a court record.

DATE this 4 day of May, 2020.



MINDY WALKER
District Court Judge