

DES MOINES MUNICIPAL COURT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF:

Emergency Response to a) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Threat to Public Health)
) NO. 20-04
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WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020; 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, on March 5, 2020, Des Moines City Manager Michael Matthias signed a Proclamation of Emergency declaring that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitute a civil emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. From March 16 through March 31, 2020, the Court Clerk's window will be closed to the public; this closure is subject to extension as circumstances require. Court staff will report to work as usual, unless otherwise authorized. During this closure, court payments may be made online or sent by first class mail and court documents may be filed by email, fax, or first class mail.

2. Effective immediately, all hearings on motions to lift or modify a domestic violence (DV) no-contact or an anti-harassment order issued by this court will be conducted by written statement. The protected party must submit a written statement to the Court via email, first class mail, or fax. The Court will review the statement in chambers and enter a written order denying, lifting, or modifying the order. The Court reserves the right to conduct the hearing on the record in person, by video, or by telephone, with notice to the protected party. Forms used for this purpose may be accessed online at <https://www.desmoineswa.gov/476/Municipal-Court>.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2020



Presiding Judge