

THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY
COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE) GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-01
BY THE MAPLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL)
COURT TO THE PUBLIC EMERGENCY)
IN WASHINGTON STATE)

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Washington in Order No 25700-B-602 has authorized this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning its operations as warranted to address the current public health emergency, and has directed this court to execute and file this administrative order upon closure of the court; and

WHEREAS this court finds that the public health emergency is ongoing; and

WHEREAS this court convenes open court sessions at the Kent Municipal Court pursuant to an interlocal facilities and services agreement authorized under the Revised Code of Washington; and on March 13, 2020 the Kent Municipal Court, by Emergency Administrative Order No. 2020-01, modified its operations based on the same concerns recognized by the Supreme Court of Washington in its Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Any time prescriptions dictated by the Criminal Rules For Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CrRLJ), the Infraction Rules For Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (IRLJ), and any pertinent Civil Rules For Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (CRLJ) are suspended until further notice;
2. Open court sessions are discontinued until the reopening of the Kent Municipal Court for open court sessions and the directive of this

- Court; this Court will follow the provisions of Kent Municipal Court Emergency Administrative Order No. 2020-02 unless in conflict with this Order or this Court finds good cause otherwise;
3. This Court reserves the authority to hear cases by video, telephone, or other electronic means, and by mail as permitted by local rule; and including in person hearings when circumstances outweigh the public health emergency;
 4. The administrations of this Court will remain open during regular business hours for public contact in the following ways:
EMAIL: Municipalcourt@kentwa.gov
PHONE: 253 856-5730 ext. 8
FAX: 253 856-6730
MAIL: 1220 Central Ave. S.
Kent, WA 98032
 5. All parties are to keep this Court apprised of their current contact information, including addresses and phone numbers, so they can be effectively summoned for the rescheduling of current and future cases.
 6. This Order shall be published on the cities' websites as soon as practicable.

DONE this 18th day of March, 2020.



L. STEPHEN ROCHON

Presiding Judge