

THE MUNICIPAL COURTS FOR THE CITIES OF PACIFIC AND ALGONA
COUNTIES OF KING AND PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE) GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-02

BY THE PACIFIC AND ALGONA)

MUNICIPAL COURTS TO THE PUBLIC)

EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON STATE)

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

WHEREAS these Courts find that the public health emergency is ongoing; and

WHEREAS these Courts convene open court sessions within the Pacific City Hall; effective March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Pacific closed its City Hall to members of the public based on the same concerns recognized by the Supreme Court of Washington in its Order;

WHEREAS the City of Pacific has determined that its city hall will not be opened to the public until Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's directives has been reached by the City;

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 Pacific City Hall to the public and the directive of these Courts;

3. These Courts reserve the authority to hear cases by video, telephone, or other electronic means, and including in person hearings when circumstances outweigh the public health emergency; the Courts have instituted calendars accommodating remote hearings, either by the "Zoom" platform or telephonically, at the election of the parties. Participation by remote hearing is not required when a party certifies he/she does not have the resources to do so; in that event the party will be summoned for an in-person hearing when the city hall opens to the public, and the next personal appearance by a defendant will be the CrRLJ 3.3 commencement date except as provided by the Supreme Court's current order.

4. The administrations of these Courts will remain open during regular business hours for public contact in the following ways:

EMAIL: court@ci.pacific.wa.us

PHONE: 253 929-1140 option 8

FAX: 253 929-1195

MAIL: 100 3rd Ave. S.E.
Pacific, WA 98047

5. All parties are to keep these Courts apprised of their current contact information, including mailing addresses, email 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, and shall be in effect until at least September 1, 2020, absent an intervening order.

DONE this 5th day of June, 2020.



L. STEPHEN ROCHON
Presiding Judge