

IN THE BREMERTON MUNICIPAL COURT
IN AND FOR KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Judicial Order)
Re: The Matter of:) No. 2020-02
EMERGENCY RESPONSE) **Emergency Administrative**
TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS) **Order**
THREAT TO)
PUBLIC HEALTH)
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THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BREMERTON, COUNTY OF KITSAP.

THIS ORDER SUPPLEMENTS 2020-01 EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DATED 3/18/2020

On 2-29-2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

On 3-4-2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington Courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency.

On March 12, 2020 Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler proclaimed an emergency within Bremerton, encouraging all local government agencies and institutions to immediately implement any and all proactive measures to help slow/stop the spread of this virus.

On 3-16-2020, Governor Jay Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people statewide.

As of March 17, 2020 the Kitsap Public Health Department had identified at least 7 individuals in this county infected with the COVID19 virus, including one in Bremerton. That department and the Center for Disease Control have identified COVID-19 as a worldwide pandemic and have recommended we take any measures necessary to limit exposure to and help stop any further spread of this virus.

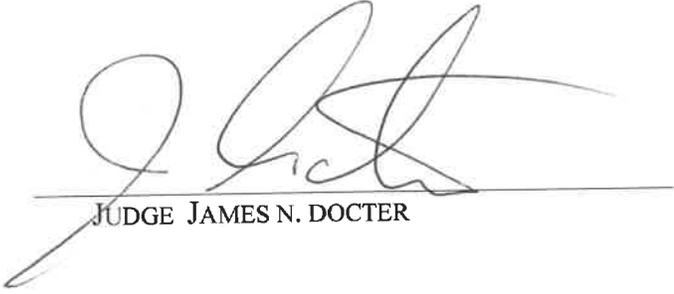
On 3-18-2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-606.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All hearings, including trials, currently set in Bremerton Municipal Court will be rescheduled to a date set by the clerk sometime after April 25, 2020. Notice of the new dates will be sent to the defendant.
2. Until further notice, the Bremerton Municipal Court will be closed to public access. If a person contacts the court regarding a matter that needs immediate attention, the court will review the matter to determine if the emergency necessitates an in person hearing or can be done telephonically. Telephonic hearings are strongly preferred. This includes ex parte protection orders. Any granted Orders may be served upon the defendant/respondent by mail.
3. In custody hearings will continue to be heard by video each morning beginning at 8:00.
4. Court staff will be available by phone daily from 8:00-5:00.

THIS ORDER WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. It shall be posted on the city's website.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2020.



JUDGE JAMES N. DOCTER