

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF SHELTON

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Emergency Response to Public Threat) NO. 1-2020
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WHEREAS:

1. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID – 19).
2. On March 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 issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State; and
3. On March 11, 2020 the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people within King, Snohomish, and Pierce County due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region;
4. On March 13, 2020, the County of Mason and City of Shelton declared a Health Emergency.

WHEREAS:

The Municipal Court having adopted SHMGR 37(a) on March 5, 2020 allowing local emergency procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Effective Monday, March 16, 2020:

1. Criminal cases where a defendant is detained in custody on that particular criminal case will proceed as currently scheduled. New criminal cases where a defendant is detained on that particular case will continue to be scheduled for hearing per the usual rules and practice of the court;
2. Review Hearings set to determine compliance with any order issued to surrender weapons will continue as normally scheduled even if an underlying criminal case is being rescheduled to a later date;
3. For all hearings currently pending and for hearings on new cases filed during the pendency of this order that are delayed by effect of this order, the delay/continuance shall constitute an excluded period for purposes of Speedy Trial, CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRLJ 2.2, IRLJ 2.4, IRLJ 2.6, and any other applicable court rule.
4. It is Further Ordered that for all hearings delayed by this order notices will be mailed to the parties of the next scheduled hearing date via, US mail. Any party needing to update their mailing address should contact the court clerk at (360) 426-9772.
5. For all hearings not continued by effect of this rule, telephonic and video hearings will be permitted to the greatest extent possible in order to encourage social distancing as recommended by both the Centers for Disease Control and local public health officials.
6. The Court will remain open; however, the public is encouraged to contact the court via telephone or email.
7. Attorneys are encouraged to submit electronic filings; defendants that are ill, have health compromising issues, or are over 60 years of age can have legal counsel request a reset of their Court hearing. All defendants may arrange telephonic hearings through their legal counsel or themselves if pro se.
8. This order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community as well as the recommendations of public health officials.
9. **The Court may close for all but Criminal video hearings with no advanced notice at the direction of the presiding Judicial officer; the clerks will mail all needed resets to last known address if this occurs.**

10. The Municipal Court designates the Mason District Court Judge, by agreement, as Temporary Presiding Judge of the Shelton Municipal Court as needed if the Municipal Court Judicial Officer becomes temporarily unavailable due to this Medical Emergency.

DATED: March 13, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Greer', written over a faint dotted line.

Stephen D. Greer
Municipal Court Judge
City of Shelton