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3 **Municipal Court of Washington**  
4 **City of South Bend**

5 IN RE: EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
6 TO PUBLIC THREAT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

7 REMOTE HEARINGS

NO. 3-2020

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10 This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State.

11 WHEREAS:

- 12 1. On March 18, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens issued orders directing the  
13 presiding judges of the various courts of Washington State to take steps to prevent the  
14 spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus;
- 15 2. Governor Jay Inslee has issued various orders, including the March 23, 2020 Stay-  
16 Home-Stay Healthy Proclamation, and the Safe Start program for phased reopening;
- 17 3. The Court has balanced the South Bend Municipal Court's need to maintain public  
18 health and safety against the Court's core constitutional obligations to the public

19 After consideration of these factors, NOW, THEREFORE; IT IS HEREBY  
20 ORDERED, Effective Monday, July 6, 2020:

- 21 1. All court proceedings will be conducted by videoconference or telephone except in  
22 rare circumstances where the court determines that in-person presence of parties is  
23 necessary and appropriate.
- 24 2. Arraignments for those in custody will occur as before, within one court day of arrest.

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26 DATED: July\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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30 William Penoyar  
Municipal Court Judge  
City of South Bend Washington