

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF BUCKLEY  
COUNTY OF PIERCE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
TO THREAT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	)	NO. 2020-1
	)	
	)	Re-Scheduling of Hearings and Other
	)	Changes to Court Operations
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WHEREAS, The Chief Justice has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects the operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people within the State of Washington due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and increased danger the virus presents to the health care system in the state;

WHEREAS, the Buckley Municipal Court operates in a shared facility with members of the vulnerable population;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Except as indicated herein, effective at 12:00 p.m. on this date through April 16, 2020, the court will reschedule all out of custody court hearings. The court will tentatively resume normal operations on April 20, 2020. The court window will be closed from 12:00 p.m. this date through April 16, 2020.
2. All jury trials scheduled to be held on April 2, 2020 are cancelled and jurors are excused. The time between the currently scheduled trial date and the next scheduled date will be deemed an excluded period for purposes of CrRLJ 3.3.
3. Notices for future dates for all cases delated by this order will be mailed to the parties via U.S. mail. Any party needing to update their mailing address should contact the court via telephone.
4. The Buckley Municipal Court remains open. Staff in the clerk's office will be available by telephone, and both mail and email will be received.

a. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1452, Buckley, WA 98321

- b. Phone number: 360.829.2118
  - c. Email: [bmc@cityofbuckley.com](mailto:bmc@cityofbuckley.com)
5. The Court will continue to telephonically hear all in-custody arraignments on a case by case basis, and telephonically hear any review hearings scheduled to determine compliance with any order issued to surrender weapons.
  6. This Administrative Order suspends the requirement under CrRLJ 4.1(a)(2) that defendants "shall be arraigned not later than 14 days after that appearance which next follows the filing of the complaint or citation and notice, if the defendant is not detained in such jail or subject to such conditions of release."
  7. Continuances pursuant to this Administrative Order of criminal cases in pre-trial status shall be "excluded periods" under CrRLJ 3.3 (e)(8) [unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances] in computing the time for trial and/or this Administrative Order suspends the right to a speedy trial under CrRLJ 3.3 (b).
  8. This Administrative Order suspends the requirement under IRLJ 2.6(a)(1) that infraction hearings "be scheduled for not less than 14 days from the date the written notice of hearing is sent by the court, nor more than 120 days from the date of the notice of infraction or the date a default judgment is set aside."
  9. The court will re-assess the need for further continuances weekly, beginning Friday, April 17, 2020.
  10. The court may re-assess the need for other protective measures on an as needed basis.

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, this administrative order suspends the right to a hearing within any specific time period required by any court rule AND/OR any 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.

Dated March 16, 2020.



Robert Freeby, Presiding Judge