

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING THE CITY OF FIFE

IN THE MATTER OF

Emergency Response to Public Health Threat
(Coronavirus/COVID 19)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2020-04

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court has issued a Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-615 in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of the trial courts in Washington State on April 13th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court Order grants emergency authority to this Court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders; and to take further action concerning court operations as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

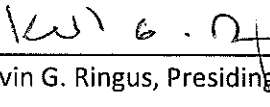
WHEREAS, the City of Fife has enacted a state of emergency, has reduced its workforce to essential personnel, and closed all buildings to the public through May 4th, 2020, and

WHEREAS, daily information creates the need to take further action in an effort to limit in person contact as it relates to court hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All out of custody hearings scheduled for the week of April 27th through May 1st will be continued to the week of May 18th through May 22nd.
2. All provisions of Supreme Court Order 25700-B-615 are incorporated by reference.
3. All provisions contained in Administrative Orders 2020-01, 2020-02, and 2020-03 will remain in full force and effect.
4. Until further Order of the Court, the Administrative Office of this Court will continue to operate on a daily schedule of 9am to 2pm and will be available by telephone. Any changes to the hours of operation, the opening of the building to the public, or the limitation of proceedings will be posted on the Court's web page. This Order will expire on May 5th, 2020.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2020.



Kevin G. Ringus, Presiding Judge

Administrative Order 2020-02