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PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
KEVIN STOCK, County Clerk
BY KMA DEPUTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF PIERCE

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE
BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

Emergency Order: 20-16

EMERGENCY ORDER #17
EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING
PROHIBITING RECORDING OR
VIDEOING OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, Superior Court General Rule 16 generally allows video recording by news media in the courtroom during and between sessions, it requires prior permission of the judge; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has announced an expansion of case types it will hear remotely to ensure the safety and well-being of Court staff, counsel, parties, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the Constitutional requirements of Open Courts, the Superior Court has established the ability to live stream hearings and trials via the Pierce county Superior Court web site; and

WHEREAS, the streamed video feed is not considered an official record of the hearing;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, that the prohibition on recording
2 proceedings of the Superior court without prior permission extends to recording the audio or
3 video of remote proceedings streamed to the Internet; and

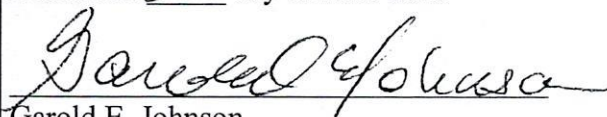
4 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that that all lawyers, litigants, participants, or observing
5 members of the press or public are prohibited from taking photographs or recording video or
6 audio during remote proceedings, except with written authorization by the Presiding Judge or of
7 the judge conducting the hearing; and

8 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that no person participating in, or listening to, such a
9 proceeding may rebroadcast, live-stream, or otherwise disseminate any live or recorded audio or
10 video of the court proceeding, except with written authorization by the Presiding Judge or of the
11 judge conducting the hearing; and

12 It is FURTHER ORDERED, that violation of this order may subject the offender to
13 removal, contempt of court, and such other penalties as are provided by law.

14 SO ORDERED.

15 Dated this 24th day of June 2020

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17 Garold E. Johnson,
18 Presiding Judge
19 Pierce County Superior Court

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