

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF FIRCREST
FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT)
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19)
AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)
No. 2020-03
Amending Order 2020-02
and Order 2020-01

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020.

WHEREAS, the public health emergency as declared by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee on February 29, 2020 and has extended the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" emergency order through May 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Orders No. 25700-B-602, 25700-B-606, 25700-B-607 and 25700-B-618 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All court rules are suspended until May 31, 2020.
2. Civil infraction hearings will be conducted by mail until September 30, 2020 to address the threat to the public health.
3. Jury trials are suspended through July 6, 2020. Jury trials will be reset subsequent to that date by future court order. The period of the continuances implemented by this Administrative Order will be excluded for calculation of

4. Out of custody criminal cases now pending are continued to the month of June 2020 or thereafter as may be warranted to address the threat to public health. Alternative remote hearing options may be available for emergency or specific matters.
5. The Court will hear in-custody cases and other emergency matters as necessary to preserve defendants' constitutional rights. The Court reserves the right to maintain or schedule arraignments, pretrial hearings, or reviews/revocation hearings as necessary, in cases involving threats to public safety, including but not limited to domestic violence offenses and driving while under the influence/physical control.
6. Notice for future dates for all cases delayed by this order will be mailed to the parties via U.S. mail or electronic mail if available. Any party needing to update a mailing address should contact the Court at (253) 564-8922 or via email at fircrest.municipal@mail.courts.wa.gov.
7. All vehicle impounds will be handled directly through the tow company. FMC 9.10.020 is suspended until further Order of the Court.
8. The Court Clerk's office will be closed to the public March 17, 2020 until further Order of the Court. Court staff will be available by telephone and via email at fircrest.municipal@mail.courts.wa.gov.
9. This order may be amended or withdrawn as warranted to address the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2020.



John A. Miller, Presiding Judge