IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF YELM
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF	)	
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO PUBLIC	)	EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
HEALTH THREAT	)	ORDER NO. 2020-2
	)	
(CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19)	)	

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee announced an extension for "STAY HOME STAY HEALTHY" order through May 4, 2020, to halt the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19);

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The closure of the Yelm Municipal Court window to the public and court proceedings will be extended until at least May 12th, 2020, or earlier when the situation will be reassessed. The court will continue to address in custody matters every day via telephone. No other hearings will be held until May 14th, 2020, at the earliest. All matters scheduled for the Month of April, 2020, will be rescheduled to the next available court date with a notice of hearing being mailed out to all court defendants and attorneys.

When the court resumes operations, the following applies:

1. If you are sick or experiencing flu-like symptoms such as a cough, fever or other respiratory problems, or if you are 60 years or older, have at risk health conditions, have weakened immune systems, or are pregnant please DO NOT come into any of the Yelm Municipal Court facility.

2. Yelm Municipal Court will grant continuance requests on out-of-custody matters for non-mandatory hearings. If you are the defendant in the case and have a private attorney contact him/her as soon as possible to discuss rescheduling your hearing. If you have a public defender and do not know how to contact your attorney, please contact the court at (360) 458-3242.

3. All in person traffic hearings will be rescheduled and new notices will be mailed out. Payments may be made by phone at (800) 272-9829, select option #3 and follow the prompts or make a payment through www.officialpayments.com You will need the jurisdiction code 8026 – you must have your court case number to make a payment by phone or online.

4. Warrants will only be issued for individuals posing an identified risk. Warrants will not be issued for failure to appear at this time.

5. Passport Services are suspended until further notice.

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, the delay/continuance shall constitute an excluded period for purposes of Speedy Trial, CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRI-J 2.2, IRI-J 2.4, IRI-J 2.6, and any other applicable court rule.

It is Further Ordered that in all hearings delayed by this order, notices will be mailed to the parties for the next scheduled hearing date available via US mail. Any party needing to update their mailing address should contact the court clerk at (360) 458-3242 or email the court at court@yelmwa.gov

This order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community as well as the recommendations of both the Centers for Disease Control and local public health officials.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2020

Presiding Judge Thomas L. Meyer