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**EVERETT MUNICIPAL COURT
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

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IN RE:

**CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES III**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 2020 – 06**

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This Court finds that there is a public health emergency caused by the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in all Washington counties, including Snohomish County, and that an order to suspend certain court rules and to take further actions concerning court operations is needed to promote the safety of court employees, court participants and the general public; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Chief Justice issued Order No. 25700-B-602 in response to this public health emergency that affects the operation of trial courts in Washington, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, as warranted to address this emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020, UNTIL THIS ORDER IS
RESCINDED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Everett Municipal Court will continue to remain open during this emergency, at least until further order of this court. Staff are required to report to work unless otherwise directed. Staff who have underlying health issues or are feeling sick, running an elevated temperature, or experiencing a cough or other respiratory problems are directed to remain at home and take leave in accordance with City policy.
2. The Probation Department is authorized to convert any face-to-face meetings with defendants on probation to telephonic meetings. This does not create a right to a

1 telephonic hearing for any particular defendant; the Probation Department may
2 exercise this authority at its discretion.

- 3 3. The Jury Terms of April 6-7, 2020, and April 20-21, 2020, are cancelled as
4 Snohomish County jury operations will not be providing jurors through at least April
5 24, 2020. This order shall constitute good cause for the court to reset any cases set
6 for jury trial in these terms and any such continuance will be an excluded period,
7 pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3 (e)(8).
- 8 4. Arraignments: Except for DUI/Physical Control or any domestic violence cases, all
9 out-of-custody arraignments not already scheduled, shall be set 60 days out from the
10 date of violation when notice is served on the defendant. In cases where defendant is
11 summoned for arraignment, such arraignment shall be scheduled 60 days out from
12 date of filing. To the extent that this order is in conflict with CrRLJ 4.1 time for
13 arraignment requirements, such rule is hereby suspended and/or modified so long as
14 this order is in effect.
- 15 5. Criminal hearings: Matters shall be heard as previously scheduled. The Court will
16 accept agreed motions to continue with a speedy trial waiver signed by the defendant
17 without the defendant having to appear in court. Pretrial calendars are closed to
18 additional out-of-custody cases for eight weeks through May 8, 2020. Out-of-custody
19 cases shall be set to May 14, 2020, or later, for pretrial. To the extent that this order
20 results in trial dates outside the time for trial limits under CrRLJ 3.3, such rule shall
21 be suspended and/or modified so long as this order is in effect.

22 DATED this 16th day of March, 2020

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HON. AMY KAESTNER
PRESIDING JUDGE