

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF EDMONDS,
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH) NO. 22
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WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds Mayor has issued an emergency order on March 13, 2020 in response to the public health emergency that affects government operations in Edmonds; and recognizing the advisories by the Snohomish County Health District; and

WHEREAS, the court is committed to protecting the safety and security of our community as well as protecting constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, 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; and

WHEREAS, the previously adopted emergency court order, EDM-CrRLJ 3.4(c) addressing telephone appearances dated March 6, 2020, continues to apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020, UNTIL THIS ORDER IS RESCINDED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1) FRONT COUNTER: The court's front clerk's window will be closed to the public. Payments will continue to be accepted online, by mail, and also via the court's drop box. During this emergency order, the court staff will also take payments over the phone. All requests for warrant quashes must be made through defense attorney.
- 2) PARTY SIGNATURES: The court will not require any defendant signature on court orders. Instead, the order and docket will note how the party received notice and copy of the order. Counsel, if defendant is represented, shall be responsible for hand-delivering court orders to the defendant in the courtroom. Unless otherwise authorized by the court, defendants shall not approach clerk's desk or the bench.
- 3) INFRACTIONS: All currently scheduled in-person infraction hearings will be continued for 90 days. The court finds good cause pursuant to IRLJ 6.1,

CRLJ 6. Anyone with a pending infraction will continue to have the option to submit written hearings request on line or by mail. Anyone who receives an infraction is still required to respond to the notice of infraction within fifteen (15) days of the date the notice is personally served or, if the notice is served by mail, within eighteen (18) days of the date the notice is mailed. Respondents can continue to respond by mail, place their response in the drop box outside of the courthouse, or respond by submitting a written hearings request online within the time frame required.

- 4) NON-CRIMINAL CIVIL MATTERS: Court finds good cause to continue any currently set hearing 90 days. Any new filings will not be set for hearing earlier than June 15, 2020. Any plaintiff who may be prejudiced by such a continuance may submit a declaration to the court and the prosecutor's office for reconsideration.
- 5) CRIMINAL:
 - (a) Arraignments: Except for DUI/Physical Control or any domestic violence cases, all out-of-custody arraignments not already scheduled, shall be set 90 days out from date of violation when notice is served on defendant. In cases when defendant is summoned for arraignment, arraignments shall be scheduled 90 days out from date of filing.
 - (b) Criminal hearings: Matters shall be heard as previously scheduled. Court will accept *agreed* motions to continue with a speedy trial waiver signed by the defendant without the defendant having to appear in court or telephonically.
 - (c) Probation/Pre-trial Supervision:
 - (i) All defendants required to check in with probation shall do so by telephone. Defendants are responsible to call into probation at their scheduled probation meeting times.
 - (ii) All Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) sessions shall be suspended until the week of June 15, 2020. Defendants ordered to attend MRT shall check in with probation by phone per schedule set up by probation.
 - (iii) Probation has the discretion to cancel or continue compliance hearings. Any hearings previously scheduled remains and requires defendants to appear in person unless EDM-CrRLJ 3.4(c) applies or probation has stricken or rescheduled the hearing.
- 6) JURORS: As previously stated on the court's website,

(a) Jurors who are 60 years or older, who have underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, who have weakened immune systems, or who are pregnant, please call or email the court to alert us that you fall into one of these high-risk categories and will not be reporting for jury duty. The court will accommodate you and reschedule your service for a much later jury term. If you are sick, please do not report for jury duty but please do let us know by phone or email.

(b) The court will make accommodations to allow for the recommended six-foot social distancing standard for jurors when they report for jury duty.

7) GENERAL HYGIENE PRACTICES: As previously instituted, all persons coming to court is required to use hand sanitizer immediately prior to entering the court area. All individuals shall practice, when practicable, the recommended six-foot social distancing recommendations by health experts. if you are sick, do not come to court, notify your attorney if you are represented. If you represent yourself, notify the court by phone, email or fax prior to your scheduled hearing.

DATED this ___13th___ day of ___March_____, 2020__.



Presiding Judge