PORT ORCHARD MUNICIPAL COURT KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Kitsap Public Health District reports a surge in COVID-19 cases in Kitsap County.

While Port Orchard Municipal Court continues to take appropriate steps to make our court environment safe, this court is convinced that disruptions with jury service are likely based upon the lack of control the Court has beyond our city environment and that conducting jury trials at this time would be potentially detrimental to jurors, court staff, counsel, and defendants.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED that effective today and until further order of the court -

JURY TRIALS SUSPENDED

All jury trials are suspended until February 7, 2022, in Port Orchard Municipal Court. All currently scheduled court dates remain calendared.

The increase in the spread of COVID-19 is an unavoidable or unforeseen circumstance affecting the time for trial beyond the control of the Court or the parties. Therefore, the time between the entry of this order and the next court date after February 7, 2022, is an excluded period for speedy purposes.

DATED - January 4, 2022

Timothy A. Drury

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