PORT ORCHARD MUNICIPAL COURT
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF

Emergency Response to a Threat to Public Health	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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	)	NO. 20-03
	)	

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 occurring during and after the Thanksgiving holiday and has concerns about additional gatherings through this month. Infections currently stand at their highest point of the pandemic.

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 March 1, 2021 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.

DATED - December 15, 2020

Timothy A. Drury
Port Orchard Municipal Court