

PORT ORCHARD MUNICIPAL COURT
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF

Emergency Response to a) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Threat to Public Health)
) NO. 20-01
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WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020; and,

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. Civil Matters:

(1) Infraction hearings (both contested and mitigation) are all continued 60 days, to a date to be determined by the clerk. To effectuate these continuances, IRLJ 2.6(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f) shall be suspended. The Court will continue to accept written statements submitted by mail or e-mail pursuant to IRLJ 2.6(c).

B. Criminal Matters:

(1) Motions to revoke sentences shall be continued 60 days, to a date as determined by the clerk.

(2) Arraignments where the charge(s) filed with the court only include driving while license suspended in the third degree, no valid operators license, failure to transfer title, or some combination of those three charges shall be continued approximately 60 days to a date as determined by the clerk. To effectuate these continuances, CrRLJ 4.1(a)(2) shall be suspended.

(3) Legal Financial Obligation rescission/modification criminal motions will be heard ex parte in chambers.

(4) A defendant who contacts the Court by email or telephone asking to be released from the obligation to appear in any matter will be re-summonsed for approximately 60 days to a date as determined by the clerk. Bench warrants will not be issued for any defendant who fails to appear after previously contacting the Court.

(5) A defendant who contacts the Court by email or telephone seeking a hearing to quash an outstanding bench warrant will have any warrants quashed ex parte by the Court in chambers so long as the defendant provides his or her current mailing address upon requesting the warrant quashing. The defendant will thereafter receive a summons for a date approximately 60 days out, to a date as determined by the clerk.

This Order may be amended or withdrawn as warranted to address the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.



Timothy A. Drury, Presiding Judge