

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING  
CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE  
TOWN OF STEILACOOM  
CITY OF DUPONT

IN THE MATTER OF ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
Emergency Response to Public Health Threat ) NO. 20-06  
(Coronavirus/COVID-19) )

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;

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020 the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people within the State of Washington due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region;

WHEREAS on September 10, 2020 the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-642 extending the Supreme Court Order 25700-B-626 dated May 29, 2020 that extends the excluded period in calculating time for trial;

WHEREAS as of the date of this Order, there have been 8,122 confirmed cases and 201 deaths from COVID-19 in Pierce County, and over 83,178 confirmed cases and 2,080 deaths in the State of Washington from COVID-19. Given the significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 in the area, the severity of risk posed to the public, and the above public health recommendations from local public health authorities,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. CrRLJ 3.3, the Time for Trial Rule for criminal matters and CrRLJ 4.1 time for arraignment are hereby suspended per the Supreme Court Order through October 15, 2020. The Court specifically finds the ends of justice served by the continuance outweighs the best interest of the public and defendant's

right to a speedy trial due to the unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances caused by the above enunciated public health emergency.

2. Notices for future dates for all cases delayed by this order will be mailed to the parties via U.S. mail. Any party needing to update a mailing address should contact the Court by email at [citycourt@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:citycourt@cityoflakewood.us), by fax at 253-512-2267 or by phone at 253-512-2258.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.



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Susan Adams, Presiding Judge