

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. 21-01  
(Coronavirus/COVID-19) )

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has responded to the current status through Order No. 25700-B-646 Regarding Court Operations (October 13, 2020), which gives authority to Presiding Judges of courts across the State to effectively administer their courts in response to this state of emergency, including the authority to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders as warrant to address the emergency condition that Covid-19 caused;

WHEREAS, Pierce County has continued to experience a surge in COVID-19 transmissions;

WHEREAS Pierce County Superior Court has entered Emergency Order 21-01 (January 14, 2021) suspending jury trials until at least March 1, 2021

WHEREAS Pierce County District Court has entered General Order 2020-15 (December 10, 2020) suspending jury trials until at least March 1, 2021;

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 through at least March 1, 2021. The Court specifically finds that the administration of justice is served by the continuance, and the defendant's right to a speedy trial is outweighed by the best interest of the public 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.
3. The Court hereby incorporates into this emergency order the Supreme Court orders in response to the COVID-19 health crisis as well as any other Supreme Court order promulgated in response to COVID-19, together with any relevant Proclamation by Governor Inslee.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



Lisa H. Mansfield, Presiding Judge