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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF SPARKS
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE SPARKS MUNICIPAL COURT RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

JUDICIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The City of Sparks Charter 4.020(3)(a) charges the Administrative Judge of the Sparks Municipal Court with establishing and enforcing administrative regulations for governing the affairs of the Municipal Court.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Given the severity of the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, actions taken by the Supreme Court of Nevada, the Second Judicial District Court (Administrative Order 2020-02); the Administrative Judge of the Sparks Municipal Court has determined that alterations to court procedures are necessary for the protection of the community.

Effective March 17, 2020, the Municipal Court will continue to operate managing cases within the parameters set forth in this Order.

1 All arraignments, trials, and other proceedings for traffic and criminal matters for defendants NOT in custody and currently scheduled between March 17, 2020 and May 28, 2020 will be continued to a date no earlier than June 1, 2020.

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2. All arraignments, trials, status reviews, bail hearings, and other proceedings for defendants IN-CUSTODY will continue as usual and will be held through telecommunication and/or video conferencing.
3. In-custody defendant transports are suspended until a date no earlier than June 1 2020.
4. Defendants arrested on traffic and criminal matters and subject to release under the current pre-trial court services procedures, or by a Judge, will be given an appearance date no earlier than June 1, 2020

Additionally, the Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. Assistance is available to all persons unable to enter the courthouse because of exposure or illness by calling (775)353-2286 to speak to court staff in English or Spanish regarding any court business. Information is also available on the Sparks Municipal Court website at: http://cityofsparks.us/departments/municipal-court.

This Order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified and/or rescinded by a subsequent court order.

Dated: March 17, 2020

Barbara S. McCarthy
Administrative Judge