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**ARGENTA JUSTICE COURT**
**COUNTY OF LANDER**
**STATE OF NEVADA**

| **IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF ARGENTA JUSTICE COURT REGARDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN CRIMINAL, CIVIL, AND TRAFFIC[1] CASES IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)** | **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 20-01** |
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The Presiding Judge of the Justice Court has various responsibilities including supervising the administrative business of the Court, ensuring the quality and continuity of court services, supervising the court calendar, ensuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed and otherwise facilitating the business of the 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 and actions taken by the Supreme Court of Nevada, the Presiding Judge of the Argenta Justice Court has determined that temporary alterations to court procedures are necessary for the protection of the community.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective March 18, 2020, the Argenta Justice Court will continue to accept filings and manage cases within the parameters set forth in this Order;

1. Beginning March 18, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, all criminal in-custody 1st appearances, will be conducted via telecommunication.

[1] As used in this Administrative Order, a "Traffic" offense is an offense that has a demerit point value of four (4) or less as determined by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. Offenses with higher point values, such as DUI, are not considered Traffic Offenses under this Administrative Order.



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2. All criminal out-of-custody hearings, with the exception of preliminary hearings, will be continued for a period of sixty (60) days. Individuals with attorneys for criminal cases are encouraged to contact their attorneys instead of coming to the Court to obtain the new court dates or other current information. Individuals are also encouraged to provide their attorneys with proof of completion of any court-ordered requirements. Attorneys are encouraged to communicate with the Court to obtain new court dates and updated information for these matters. Contact information for the Argenta Justice Court is as follows:

**Telephone 775-635-5151; Fax 775-635-0604**

3. All traffic and other citation matters shall be suspended for the next sixty (60) days.

4. Any person arrested on a criminal offense subject to an own-recognizance release, will be given a return court date in sixty (60) days.

5. Any person arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants will be subject to release, and given a return court date no sooner than June 1, 2020.

At this time, essential case types and hearings will continue to be heard through in-person appearances, although appearance by alternative means under Nevada Supreme Court Rule Part IX is encouraged when possible. Essential case types and hearings include the following:

1. All in-custody proceedings for criminal matters; bail motions, and probation revocation hearings until arrangements can be made to hear these matters by alternative means;
2. Domestic temporary or extended protection orders;
3. High- risk protective orders;

All currently scheduled non-essential hearings are ordered to be rescheduled no sooner than sixty (60) days, unless otherwise directed by the Judge.

Small Claims trials, Small Claims motion hearings, and Small Claims examinations of judgment debtor are deemed non-essential. All Small Claims trials, Small Claims motions, and Small Claims examinations currently set will be continued to a future date. Notifications to Small Claims litigants of the new date will be made via mail and/or email if an email address is available.

Effective March 18, 2020, the Court will suspend issuing Defaults on all civil actions. Applications for Default Judgments in cases where a Default has already been issued will be processed.

Effective March 18, 2020, the Court will suspend issuing orders for the examination of a judgment debtor.

Effective March 18, 2020, the Court will suspend the issuance of all Writs of Execution. Additionally, all currently issued Writs of Execution are hereby stayed until May 1, 2020. Any property garnished or attached after March 18, 2020, must be released back to the Judgment Debtor.

Effective March 18, 2020, all deadline and default provisions contained in NRS Chapter 40 concerning eviction and unlawful detainer proceedings are suspended and stayed.

In order to practice social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Court is encouraging the use of electronic communication for the resolution of cases, status checks, and/or negotiations.

Additionally, to assist all persons unable to enter the Court because of exposure or illness, Court personnel is available by telephone to address any issues or concerns a person may have.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

**Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.**

**Denise Fortune**
**Justice of the Peace**

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