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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF TONOPAH TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF NYE, STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE TONOPAH JUSTICE COURT'S
RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE (COVID-19)

AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
20-01

The Justice of the Peace of the Tonopah Justice Court has various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the justice court, ensuring the quality and continuity of court services, supervising the court calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the justice 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 after consultation with the Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering and actions taken by the Fifth Judicial District Court through their Administrative Order, the Justice of the Peace has determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community

Effective March 16, 2020, for a period of not less than 30 days (March 16 – April 17, 2020) all currently scheduled non-essential Court hearings are ordered to be

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conducted by video or telephonic means; decided on the papers; or rescheduled unless otherwise directed by the Justice of the Peace. During this time, the Justice Court will continue to accept filings and continue managing cases within the parameters set forth in this order

1. All criminal in-custody hearings, with the exception of in-custody preliminary hearings and in-custody trials, will be conducted via video/audio conferencing;
2. All arraignments (traffic and criminal) will be continued for a period of 45 days;
3. All pre-trial matters (traffic and criminal) will be continued for a period of 45 days.
4. Defendants arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants who are subject to release on their own recognizance will be given a return date of 45 days;
5. Out of custody trials (traffic and criminal) will be continued for a period of 45 days, and
6. Small Claims/Civil trials will be continued for a period of 45 days.

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. In-custody proceedings for criminal matters,
2. Civil temporary or extended protection orders;
3. Juvenile delinquency matters (as Hearing Master); and

4. Abuse and neglect preliminary protective hearings (as Hearing Master).

Effective March 16, 2020, the Tonopah Justice Court will suspend issuing Defaults in all civil actions. Applications for Default Judgments in cases where a Default has already been issued will still be processed.

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

Effective March 18, 2020 the Tonopah Justice Court will suspend the issuance of all Writs of Execution. Additionally, all currently issued Writs of Execution are hereby stayed until April 20, 2020. Any property garnished or attached after March 18, 2020, must be released back to the Judgment Debtor. The Nye County Sheriff's Office should follow the guidance of NRS 21.112 with respect to any property garnished or attached prior to March 18, 2020.

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

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. As a result, District Court Administration was ordered to post a notice at the entrance of all district court facilities advising the following people that they may not enter the court facility:

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1 Persons who in the last 14 days have traveled to a country designated as a Level 3 travel health notice according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Currently those countries include: China, Iran, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City. The list is subject to change by the CDC.

2 Persons who reside or have close contact with someone who has travelled to any foreign country within the last 14 days,

3 Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency,

4. Persons who have been diagnosed with coronavirus or who has had contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or

5 Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by Court Bailiffs and/or Law Enforcement.

If a person is unable to appear in court because of the restrictions above, the person may call the Tonopah Justice Court at 775-482-8155 for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for appearance by alternative means or provide other information based on the circumstances of the appearance. They may also access the Tonopah Justice Court website at www.nyecounty.net/TJC for further

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information, to obtain forms, make payments and communicate through electronic means

This 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.

JENNIFER KLAPPER
Justice of the Peace
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