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JUSTICE COURT, HENDERSON TOWNSHIP
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN CRIMINAL, CIVIL, AND TRAFFIC[1] CASES	**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: MARCH 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, 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, the Chief Judge of the Henderson Justice Court has determined that the following changes are necessary for the protection of the community; and therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective March 17, 2020, the Henderson Justice Court will continue to accept filings and manage cases within the parameters set forth in this Order;

1. All criminal out-of-custody hearings, excepting out-of-custody preliminary hearings, will be continued for a period of sixty (60) days. Individuals with attorneys for criminal cases are encouraged to contact their attorneys. Attorneys may appear in Court but must communicate with the Court via email (preferred) or phone the morning of the court appearance. A listing of all emails and phone numbers will be listed on the Court's website page;

2. All 2:00 p.m., traffic pre-trial matters shall be suspended for the next sixty (60) days;

3. The clerk's office will continue to accept and process motions to quash bench warrants consistent with ordinary practice, and general civil filings unless otherwise stated below.

[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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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;
2. Bail motion hearings, motions to quash bench warrants, and motions for own recognizance walk-through on arrest warrants, until arrangements can be made to hear these matters by alternative means;
3. Civil temporary or extended protection orders;
4. Unlawful Towing cases;
5. Objections to Claims of Exemption.

All currently scheduled non-essential Henderson Justice Court hearings are ordered to be conducted by video or telephonic means; decided on the papers; or rescheduled in accordance with the preference of the individual judicial department.

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.

All jury trials, civil and criminal, scheduled in Henderson Justice Court for the next sixty (60) days will be rescheduled to a new date as the court calendar allows. No summonsed prospective jurors are to appear.

Per Nevada Supreme Court directive, effective March 17, 2020, all deadline and default provisions contained in NRS Chapter 40 concerning eviction and unlawful detainer proceedings are suspended and stayed until further notice.

The following is suspended for sixty (60) days, subject to change:

1) the issuing of Defaults on all civil actions. Applications for Default Judgments in cases where a Default has already been issued will still be processed.

2) the issuing orders for the examination of a judgment debtor.

3) the issuance of all Writs of Execution. Additionally, all currently issued Writs of Execution are hereby stayed until April 20, 2020. Please follow the guidance in NRS 21.112 with respect to any property garnished or attached prior to March 17, 2020.

In order to practice social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Henderson Justice Court is encouraging the use of electronic communication for the resolution of cases, status checks, and/or negotiations. A list of emails for each department will be on the Henderson Justice Court's website at clarkcountynv.gov/hjc. Parties may also contact Henderson Justice Court at (702) 455-7951.

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

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.

SAM BATEMAN

Sam Bateman,
Chief Justice of the Peace