JUSTICE COURT, NORTH LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF: TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND TRAFFIC CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: #2020-02

WHEREAS, Local Rules of Practice for the Justice Court of North Las Vegas Township, rule 6.5 (b) (2) empowers the Chief Judge to be responsible for the administration of court rules and regulations; and

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, and after consultation with Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, the Chief Judge of the North Las Vegas Justice Court has determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community; and therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective March 17, 2020, the North Las Vegas Justice Court will manage cases within the parameters set forth in this Order;

1. Effective March 17, 2020, all currently scheduled non-essential Court hearings are ordered to be conducted by video or telephonic means; decided on the papers; or rescheduled unless otherwise directed by a Justice of the Peace.

2. Small Claims trials, Small Claims motion hearings, and Small Claims examination of judgment debtor are deemed non-essential. All Small Claims proceedings currently set will be continued to a future date. Notifications to Small Claims litigants will be made via mail.

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3. All jury trials, civil and criminal, scheduled in North Las Vegas Justice Court for the next thirty (30) days will be rescheduled to a new date as the court calendar allows. No summonsed prospective jurors are to appear.

4. Effective March 17, 2020, North Las Vegas Justice Court will suspend issuing Defaults on all civil actions. Applications for Default Judgments in cases where a Default has already been issued will still be processed.

5. Effective March 17, 2020, all deadline and default provisions contained in NRS Chapter 40 concerning eviction and unlawful detainer proceedings are suspended and stayed;

6 Effective March 17, 2020, the North Las Vegas Justice Court will suspend issuing orders for the examination of a judgment debtor;

7. Effective March 17, 2020, the North Las Vegas Justice Court will suspend the issuance of all Writs of Execution;

8. All criminal in-custody hearings will continue to be held in person, but may be handled by alternative means, such as facsimile, telephonic/video, or email. Only attorneys and witnesses will be allowed to attend the in person proceedings. Family and friends may contact the defendant's attorney for further information.

9. All criminal out of custody hearings will be continued for a minimum 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 and/or provide their attorneys with proof of completion of any court-ordered requirements. Attorneys are encouraged to communicate with the Court via email (preferred) or phone to obtain the new court dates for these matters. A listing of all emails and phone numbers will be listed on the Court's website;

10. All traffic matters shall be suspended for the next sixty (60) days;

11. Any person arrested on a criminal offense subject to an own recognizance release or who posts bail will be given an out-of-custody return to court date in a minimum of sixty (60) days;

12. Any person arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants will be subject to release, and given an out-of-custody return court date no sooner than May 15, 2020;

13. Any person with an active misdemeanor bench warrant (including traffic) who contacts the Court's customer service line shall have the warrant recalled by the Court, and will be given a return to court date;

14. The court will not be accepting bail postings; bail may be posted at either the Clark County Detention Center or the City of Las Vegas Detention Center;

15. Bail motion hearings, motions to quash bench warrants, and motions for own recognizance walk-through on arrest warrants will be handled by alternative means, such as facsimile, telephonic or email;

16. Effective March 17, 2020, the North Las Vegas Justice Court customer service window will not accept filings, with the following essential exceptions:

a. Motions to quash bench warrants, and motions for own recognizance walk-through on arrest warrants, until alternative means can be made to accept these matters by alternative means;

b. Civil temporary or extended protection orders; however, an email link and form will be available on the court's website to facilitate social distancing;

c. Unlawful Towing cases.

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.

Entered this 19th day of March, 2020.

KRISTINA PICKERING
Chief Justice
Nevada Supreme Court

CHRIS LEE
Chief Judge
North Las Vegas Justice Court