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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-1**

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Wadsworth Justice Court has the authority pursuant to NRS 4.157(c) to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the Court; 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, the Chief Judge of Wadsworths Justice Court has determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.

And good cause being shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED effective March 19, 2020, the Wadsworth Justice Court shall continue to accept all court filings and continue to operate with the following changes and continuances to the court calendar:

I. All non-essential hearings scheduled within the next 30 days will be continued as follows:

A. Traffic

1. Traffic and citation arraignments will be continued at least 30 days.

2. Traffic pretrial hearings will be continued at least 30 days.

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3. Law enforcement will be advised to set out appearances on new citations at least 45 days.

4. The Wadsworth Justice Court will send clearance letters to DMV directly without the need of the cited party to appear if any necessary documentation is mailed to the Court, left in the Court's drop box, or scanned and emailed to sjones@washoecounty.us

5. All persons arrested on a 'no own recognizance' traffic misdemeanor warrant will be subject to release by pretrial services if otherwise qualified and given a date to appear in Wadsworth Justice Court after 30 days.

B. Small Claims and Civil

1. All pending civil and small claims trials will be set out at least 30 days.

2. No default judgments will be issued for the next 30 days.

3. No new executions will be issued for the next 30 days.

4. No supplemental hearings or orders to show cause for failure to appear will be scheduled for the next 30 days; any already set will also be continued for at least 30 days.

C. Unlawful Detainers and Evictions

1. All unlawful detainer and eviction actions shall be set out at least 30 days.

2. The default and deadline provisions in NRS Chapter 40 respecting unlawful detainer and eviction proceedings shall be suspended and stayed for at least 30 days.

II. All essential hearings will be continued as follows:

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A. Criminal – Out of Custody

1. All out-of-custody trials (including jury trials) and preliminary hearings set within the next 30 days will be continued at least 30 days unless counsel sets a telephonic hearing to request a sooner date, if granted.
2. All out-of-custody arraignments will be continued at least 30 days.
3. All out-of-custody pretrials will be continued at least 45 days.
4. All out-of-custody MSCs will be continued at least 45 days.
5. All out-of-custody criminal hearings will be continued at least 45 days.
6. No jury panels will be called for the next 30 days.

B. Criminal – In custody

1. All in-custody arraignments will be heard as scheduled with the parties appearing by remote means if possible.
2. No further in-custody criminal trials will be set for the next 30 days except upon motion and approval by the Court.
3. No further in-custody preliminary hearings will be set for the next 30 days except upon motion and approval by the Court.
4. All other in-custody criminal matters will be held remotely. Defendants will not be scheduled for transport except upon motion, Court approval, and the agreement of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.
5. Defendants will not be transported solely for the purpose of conferring with defense counsel.
6. All persons arrested on a 'no own recognizance' misdemeanor warrant will be subject to release by pretrial services, if otherwise qualified, and given a date to appear in Wadsworth Justice Court after 30 days.

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C. Civil

1. All protective order hearings will be held telephonically if possible.
2. Any temporary protective order expiring within the next 30 days shall continue in full force and effect until a hearing can be scheduled and/or until further order of the Court.

IV. Administrative Continuances

1. No late fees will be imposed for the next 30 days.
2. Collections will be suspended for the next 30 days.
3. The Court will not issue bench warrants for failures to pay or comply with sentencing conditions for the next 30 days.
4. All community service obligations are suspended for the next 60 days.
5. Due to the cancellation of the Victim Impact Panels (VIP) for the next two months, anyone required to attend can reschedule starting in June or take an online VIP from an approved source.

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Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. As a result, Wadsworth Justice Court Administration is ordered to post a notice at the entrance of its facility advising the following people that they may not enter the court facility:

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 for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently, those countries include: China, Iran, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, 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 Centers for Disease Control.
2. Persons who reside or have close contact with someone who has traveled to any country described above 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 have had contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
5. Persons with unexplained fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry.

If a person is unable to appear in Court because of the restrictions above, the person may call 775-575-4585 for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for appearance by alternative means, or provide other information based on the circumstances of the appearance.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 19 day of March 2020.

Terry L. Graham
Chief Justice of the Peace
Wadsworth Justice Court