IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS
COUNTY OF CLARK, STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE:

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT PROCEDURES REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

JUDICIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

REF: JO- 2.52
EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 2020

SUPERSEDE/RESCIND NO
CROSS-REFERENCE JO- JO-2.48; JO-2.48 AMENDED

City of Las Vegas Charter 4.020(4.) charges the Chief Judge of the Las Vegas Municipal Court with establishing and enforcing administrative regulations for the governing of the affairs of the Municipal 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, actions taken by the Supreme Court of Nevada, the Eighth Judicial District Court (Administrative Order 20-01) and Justice Court, Las Vegas Township (Administrative Order 20-02); the Chief Judge of Las Vegas Municipal Court has determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.

Effective April 16, 2020, Municipal court will accept court filings and continue to operate managing cases within the parameters set forth in this order.

1. In-custody transport of defendants will be suspended for 45-days. In-custody arraignments, pre-trials and trials will be accommodated through telecommunication and/or video conferencing.
2. All arraignments (traffic and criminal) currently scheduled through May 30, 2020, will be continued for a period of 45-days.
3. Defendants arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants subject to release under the current pretrial procedures will be given a return date of 60 days.
4. Out-of-custody trials (traffic and criminal) scheduled through May 30, 2020, will be continued for a period of 45-days.

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5. In order to reduce social contact, Municipal Court encourages use of electronic communications for the resolution of cases, status checks, pretrials, and/or negotiations.

6. All classes are suspended until further notice.

Additionally, the Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. To assist all persons unable to enter the court facility because of exposure or illness they may call 702-229-5257 to speak to a representative for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for appearance by alternate means or provide other information based on the circumstances of the appearance.

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

Dated: April 16, 2020

CYNTHIA S. LEUNG
CHIEF JUDGE