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IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT AND
JUSTICE COURT OF EAST FORK TOWNSHIP
JUSTICE COURT OF TAHOE TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF NEVADA

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IN THE MATTER OF)
The Ninth Judicial District Court, East) **Administrative Order: 20-07**
Fork Justice Court, and Tahoe Township)
Justice Court response to COVID-19.)
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This Court issued ADKT 20-01 on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency. This order hereby revokes and replaces ADKT 20-001 for purposes of management of the Douglas County Judiciary during this extraordinary time. This order will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by subsequent order. It shall be reviewed by the Douglas County Judiciary not less than every 30 days.

District Court Rule 5 and Rule 1(a)-(b) for the Rules of Practice for the Ninth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada charge the duly elected Judges of the Ninth Judicial District Court with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administration of business of the District 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 District Court.

Rules 83 and 84(b) of the Justice Court Rules of Civil Procedure of the State of Nevada charge the duly elected Justices of the Peace of Douglas County with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of their courts, ensuring the quality and continuity of court services, supervising the court calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires,

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assuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the Justice Courts.

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). The state of emergency has not been revoked, and the Governor has issued a multitude of emergency directives since then. Given the nature of the risk posed by COVID-19, and after consultation with the Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, the Judges of the Douglas County Judiciary have determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.

To facilitate access to justice, the Douglas County Judiciary shall continue to accept electronic filings at the previously designated clerk/filing email: Ninth Judicial District Court, dcclerk@douglas.nv.gov; East Fork Justice Court, efjcclerk@douglas.nv.gov; Tahoe Township Justice Court, tjcclerk@douglas.nv.gov.

Participants shall appear in person unless otherwise ordered by the Court. In the absence of a court order allowing for remote appearances, Parties/Counsel/Witnesses desiring to appear remotely shall comply with Nevada Supreme Court Rule Part IX-A and B.

Jury trials, civil and criminal, may be scheduled at the discretion of the presiding judge. The presiding judge may require adherence to protocols and procedures designed to promote the health and safety of the community and to comply with the mandates of the Governor.

The Douglas County Judiciary confirms that civil trials shall no longer be stayed pursuant to NRCP 41(e) effective August 17, 2020. Further, the time period of March 17, 2020 through August 17, 2020, shall be excluded for purposes of calculating speedy trial under NRS 178.556(1), NRS 174.511, NRCP 41(e), and JCRCP 41(e). The Douglas County Judiciary may find on a case-by-case basis still find that the ends of justice outweigh the parties' right to a speedy trial.

The Centers for Disease Control have advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. Accordingly, the following persons shall not enter any court facility:

1. Persons who in the last 14 days have traveled to any country designated as a Level 3 travel health notice according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. See

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html for the current list of countries affected. At the time of drafting this included: Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Europe, Iran, Ireland, and the United Kingdom;

2. Persons who in the last 14 days have traveled to any state designated by the Governor with a travel health advisory requiring the traveler to self-quarantine;
3. Persons who reside or have had close contact (defined as 15 minutes or more within 6 feet) with someone who has travelled to the countries or states affected by paragraphs (1) and (2) above;
4. Persons who have been asked by any doctor, hospital, or health agency to self-quarantine.
5. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 21 days;
6. Persons who have been in close contact (defined as 15 minutes or more within 6 feet) of someone who had been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 21 days; and
7. Persons with unexplained fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER IN VIOLATION OF THESE PROTOCOLS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY BY THE CONSTABLE OR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

If a person is unable to appear in court because of the above restrictions, the person shall call the appropriate court to speak with a clerk about rescheduling, arranging for appearance by alternative means, or to provide other appropriate information:

Ninth Judicial District Court:	775-782-9820
East Fork Justice Court:	775-782-9955
Tahoe Township Justice Court:	775-586-7820

This order shall be reviewed not less than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by subsequent order.

DATED this 17 day of August, 2020.

The Honorable Kristina Pickering
Chief Judge, Nevada Supreme Court

The Honorable Nathan Tod Young
Dept. I, Ninth Judicial District Court

The Honorable Thomas W. Gregory
Dept. II, Ninth Judicial District Court

Cassandra G. Jones
East Fork Justice of the Peace

Richard Glasson
Tahoe Township Justice of the Peace