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IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING TEMPORARY PROCEDURES IN CIVIL CASES	**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 21-03**

WHEREAS, Governor's Emergency Directive 037 places restrictions on gatherings to minimize interpersonal contact to slow the rate at which the COVID-19 virus is spread; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Governor's Emergency Directive 037 restricts public gatherings to the lesser of 250 persons or 50% of the listed fire code capacity; and

WHEREAS, court proceedings fall within the definition of a public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Governor's Emergency Directive 036, as amended by Governor's Emergency Directive 043, imposed a stay on certain qualifying unlawful detainer and summary eviction actions; and

WHEREAS, temporary changes to local procedures are necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the Governor's Emergency Directives; and

WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5 allows the Chief Judge to make "such orders as deemed advisable" relating to local court rules and procedure; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following temporary changes shall be implemented, effective April 1, 2021:

1. All departments hearing civil cases, including small claims actions, summary evictions, and civil actions, will continue to maximize virtual court sessions through Bluejeans or telephonic appearances for all counsel, parties, and witnesses, where possible.

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a. Meeting IDs for all civil departments are as follows:
   i. Department 4 – 7026713368
   ii. Department 5 – 7026713381
   iii. Department 6 – 7026713392
   iv. Small Claims – 7026713478
   v. Summary Evictions - 7026710809

2. Parties who choose not to appear virtually should be authorized to appear in person only when doing so complies with the limitations on social gatherings as set forth in Governor's Directive 037.

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Unlawful Detainer Civil Actions

3. Plaintiffs whose order to show cause hearings and trials were vacated pursuant to Emergency Directive 036 must resubmit a new order to show cause or notice setting trial to the court after the period of the stay has been lifted or terminated. The court will not automatically reschedule these court proceedings.

4. All new orders to show cause or trial setting notices must clearly contain the following information:

a. Notification that the hearing or trial is offered virtually;
b. Instructions for appearing by video through the Bluejeans virtual hearing through either the internet website or phone application;
c. Instructions for the alternative telephonic appearance through Bluejeans by calling (408) 419-1715;
d. The assigned Meeting ID for the department as set forth in Section 1, above; and

Summary Eviction Actions

5. Summary eviction actions will be governed by the Governor's Emergency Directive 036 as amended by Governor's Emergency Directive 043. Summary eviction actions determined to be in violation will be dismissed.

6. Summary eviction orders previously issued by the Court that are stayed pursuant to Emergency Directive 036 will expire and must be re-issued by the Court prior to re-posting the order.

a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after the termination of Emergency Directive 036 to file a motion with the Court requesting the re-issuance of an eviction order with an affidavit or declaration under the penalty of perjury that states:

i. The same tenant is still occupying the premises; and
ii. That the Landlord has not accepted any funds from any source which would impact the Landlord's right to proceed with a lockout.

7. Landlords must file a motion to rescind any eviction order where a subsequent agreement, mediation, curative action, payment of defaulted rent, or acceptance of assistance funds has fully resolved the issues between the parties and resulted in a continuation of the tenancy.

8. Rule 6.2(b) of the Las Vegas Justice Court Local Rules of Practice (LVJCLRP) is suspended for all Covered Evictions, as defined by Section 3 of Emergency Directive 036, until the Directive is terminated.

a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after termination of Emergency Directive 036, as amended by Emergency Directive 043, to file an affidavit of complaint for summary eviction for these stayed Covered Evictions.
b. If no complaint is filed, the case will be administratively closed pursuant to LVJCLRP

9. After the termination of Emergency Directive 036, as amended by Emergency Directive 043, Landlords whose summary eviction hearings were vacated and stayed pursuant to Emergency Directive 036 must file a motion with the Court requesting the matter to be placed back on calendar. The Court will not automatically reschedule such hearings due to the potential for a change in circumstance during the stay period.

a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after the termination of Emergency Directive 036, as amended by Emergency Directive 043, to file a motion to place the hearing on calendar.

b. In no motion to place the hearing on calendar is filed, the case will be dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order supersedes Administrative Order 21-01 and shall continue until May 31, 2021, unless terminated earlier.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2021.

Melissa A. Saragosa

MELISSA A. SARAGOSA
Chief Justice of the Peace
Las Vegas Justice Court