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STEVENSON MUNICIPAL COURT NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT SKAMANIA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

In Re

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONOVIRUS

EXTENDED
EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-08

WHEREAS, the above courts have previously entered emergency Administrative Orders due to COVID-19;

Whereas the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted emergency rules and granted further authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency;

And given the continued significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 in the state and the severity of risk posed to the public, lawyers and staff, and given the above public health recommendations from local public health authorities,

And given the facility limitations within the Skamania County Courthouse for meeting reasonable safety guidelines and the court's operations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective March 21, 2021:
COVID-19 EXTENDED EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-08 - 1

1) Emergency Administrative Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, 20-05, 20-06 and 20-07 are continued in effect through May 15, 2021, except to the extent they conflict with this order.

- 2) Covid-19 continues to constitute an unavoidable circumstance under CrRLJ 3.3. The time period of continuances by this and prior emergency orders will be excluded in computing time for trial under all applicable criminal rules and related local court rules. By this order, that period of continuance is extended through May 15, 2021. The court finds the ends of justice have been and continue to be served by continuing criminal cases, notwithstanding defendants' rights to a speedy trial.
- 3) This order also incorporates by reference Supreme Court Orders 25700-B-602, 607, 610 and any subsequently adopted Supreme Court orders dealing with the COVID-19 crisis.
- 4) The courts will continue docketing and mandating appearances for all cases which can be presented in person consistent with emergency rules or ex-parte, or those that can be presented by telephone or Zoom platforms allowing attendance and recording. Trial matters may be set by the clerk at the court's discretion and as requested and arranged through the court and counsel.

The Skamania County District Court, Stevenson Municipal Court and the North Bonneville Municipal Court remain open. Staff in the Clerk's Office will be available by telephone, mail will be received, and filings accepted. The public is encouraged to

continue utilizing Court services by first calling the court and then following all court and applicable public health guidelines.

The Court will vacate or amend this Administrative Order no later than May 15, 2021.

Dated this 21th day of March, 2021.

RON REYNIER JUDGE