

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT  
FOR THE CITY OF SURPRISE, ARIZONA

In Re: IN THE MATTER OF LIMITING  
COURT OPERATIONS DURING A  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 20-03

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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency, and by Proclamation the Mayor of the City of Surprise has declared the existence of a city-wide emergency. Additionally, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48 authorizing limitations of court operations during a public health emergency.

Therefore, to avoid all in-person proceedings in the Surprise City Court to the greatest extent possible consistent with core constitutional rights, and pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-48,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- (a) Beginning March 23, 2020, any case continued from arraignment will not be scheduled prior to May 8, 2020.
- (b) All post arraignment non-trial settings for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 8, 2020 are continued for seven weeks.
- (c) All non-jury trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 8, 2020 are vacated and will be reset for a status conference after May 8, 2020.
- (d) All civil hearings currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 8, 2020 are continued for seven weeks.
- (e) For all criminal cases subject to this Order, finding good cause and that delay is indispensable to the interests of justice, time is excluded or tolled for the purpose of calculating time under Rules 8 and 27, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*.
- (f) All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic appearances are to be utilized where feasible until further notice.

- (g) All non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice, including field trips, tours, City Court Academy and Teen Court.
- (h) All proceedings occurring within the Court are to be conducted in a manner consistent with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) social distancing recommendations until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ENCOURAGED that all parties continue to work towards the resolution and settlement of the cases subject to this Order.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



Louis Frank Dominguez  
Presiding Judge

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- cc:
- Presiding Judge*
  - Associate Judge*
  - Pro Tem Judges*
  - Court Administrator*
  - Court Supervisors*
  - City Prosecutor's Office*
  - Public Defenders*
  - Mayor & City Council*
  - City Manager's Office*
  - City Emergency Manager*