

IN THE AVONDALE CITY COURT  
IN THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA IN AND FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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LIMITING COURT OPERATIONS	)	Administrative Order
DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH	)	No. 2020 – <u>001</u>
EMERGENCY	)	
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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. Additionally, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48 (Replacing Administrative Order No. 2020-47) authorizing limitations of court operations during a public health emergency.

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

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- (a) No jury trials will be scheduled before May 22, 2020.
- (b) All post arraignment non-trial settings for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 25, 2020, through May 7, 2020, are continued for six weeks.
- (c) Beginning March 25, 2020, any case continued from arraignment will not be scheduled prior to May 6, 2020.
- (d) All non-jury trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 26, 2020 through May 7, 2020 are vacated and will be reset for a status conference after May 7, 2020.
- (e) All civil hearings currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 5, 2020 are continued for six weeks.
- (f) For all criminal cases subject to this Order, time is excluded for the purpose of calculating time under Rules 8 and 27, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, between March 25, 2020 and May 7, 2020, subject to further direction of the Arizona Supreme Court.
- (g) All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic appearances are to be utilized where feasible until further notice.

- (h) All persons with scheduled appearances are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.
- (i) All persons entering the Court without a scheduled appearance are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.
- (j) All non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice.
- (k) Open Court is canceled until further notice. Anyone contacting the Court regarding Open Court shall be directed to contact the Court by email, fax, or in writing to address their matter.
- (l) All proceedings occurring within the Court are to be conducted in a manner consistent with Center for Disease Control 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Craig L. Jennings  
Presiding Judge

