

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR

In the Matter of:)
)
COURT OPERATIONAL MEASURES) Administrative Order
TO CONTROL COMMUNICABLE) No. 2020 – 03
OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES) (Replacing Administrative Order

) No. 2020-02)

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 Goodyear has declared a city-wide emergency. Additionally, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48.

Therefore, to avoid all in-person proceedings 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. All Jury Trials currently scheduled are vacated and will be reset for a Status Conference after May 8, 2020.
- b. All Non-Jury Trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 23 through May 8, 2020 are vacated and reset for a status conference after May 8, 2020.
- c. All new commitment orders shall be set no earlier than May 1, 2020.
- d. All Civil and Civil Traffic hearings currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 11, 2020 are continued for eight weeks.
- e. All post-Arraignment, non-trial settings for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 23, 2020 through May 8, 2020 are continued for eight weeks.
- f. Beginning March 23, 2020, any case continued will not be scheduled prior to May 11, 2020.
- g. For criminal cases subject to this Order, time is excluded for calculating time under Rules 8 and 27, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, between March 23, 2020 and May 8, 2020, subject to further direction from the Arizona Supreme Court.
- h. All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic appearances are to be utilized where feasible until further notice.
- i. All corrective action shall be suspended due to limited Court access during the evaluation period, as determined by the Presiding Judge (this does not include qualifying TIP cases already referred into the Debt Setoff Program).
- j. The Court shall provide extended deadlines for compliance with court mandates such as counseling, community service and other such court-ordered obligations.

- k. The Court authorizes non-judicial staff to conduct payment plan negotiations and Defensive Driving School extensions by phone or email.
- l. Open Court or walk-in court is cancelled until further notice. Anyone contacting the Court regarding open court or walk-in court shall be instructed to correspond with the Court via email, fax or in writing to address the matter.
- m. All persons appearing in the Court facility are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure to the illness and are asked not to enter the facility. Signage is posted at the courthouse entrance and on the Court website containing instructions for alternative appearance information.
- n. All non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that electronic or digital signatures are approved as alternative signing options, and where appropriate, verbal approval by telephone shall be allowed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any local rules or orders contradicting the above actions are suspended and replaced with this Administrative Order 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 23rd day of March, 2020

/s/ Mayra Galindo

Honorable Mayra Galindo
Presiding Judge