

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR

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In the Matter of: )  
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IN THE MATTER OF RESTRICTING ) Administrative Order  
PHYSICAL ACCESS TO COURT ) No. 2020 – 04  
FACILITIES DUE TO A PUBLIC )  
HEALTH 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 the statewide Emergency Order: ‘Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected *Physical Distancing to Mitigate COVID-19 Transmission*’ which shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020 through April 30, 2020. Additionally, the Mayor of the City of Goodyear has declared by proclamation a city-wide emergency. Accordingly, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48 that directs the presiding superior court judge of each county to determine how in-person proceedings are to be conducted in each of the county’s courtrooms under conditions that protect the health and safety of participants and the public. This includes limiting in-person courtroom contact, following the social distancing recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, and limiting the number of persons present in a courtroom.

Therefore, to avoid all in-person proceedings and to promote physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19 and consistent with core constitutional rights, physical access to the Goodyear Municipal Court building shall be restricted as set forth in this Order and does not apply to employees of the Judicial Branch, vendors working with the Goodyear Municipal Court, or City of Goodyear’s Prosecutor’s Office employees that are housed within the court building.

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- All persons who have business with the Court shall contact the Court by telephone or other remote means to conduct such business, except Civil Traffic Arraignments that are not resolved prior to their scheduled court appearance date. Only necessary parties, such as named defendants, lawyers, witnesses, victims and interpreters, shall be allowed access to attend an in-person court proceeding, until further notice;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

In support of the government ordered stay-at-home mandates:

- The Court building will remain open to the public from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. until further notice.

- The Court building will be physically closed from 12:01 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Court offices shall remain accessible to the public by telephone and email during regular business hours to the greatest extent possible until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- Petitions for protective orders and motions to modify protective orders shall continue to be processed using AZPOINT; ex-parte protective orders shall be conducted telephonically. Contested protective order hearings shall be conducted telephonically as provided in Rule 9 Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedures

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020

/s/ Mayra Galindo

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Honorable Mayra Galindo  
Presiding Judge