

DES MOINES MUNICIPAL COURT  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE )  
(COVID-19) IN WASHINGTON STATE ) NO. 20-08  
)

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As of today, there are over 148,472 confirmed cases of the disease in Washington State, including 38,672 confirmed cases in King County. The number of cases in King County is up 22,030 from three days ago. These numbers represent an unprecedented spike in positive cases.

This Court's decision to take emergency action is based upon the actions taken by federal, state, and local governments, as well as the following: the significant spike of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 in Washington State and nationally, the increasing number of fatalities attributed to the disease, as well as the current and evolving recommendations of the Washington State and King County Departments of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to social distancing efforts. Conducting a jury trial involves 10-15 people inside the courtroom over a number of hours. The Court finds that the DOH recommended mitigation efforts, including but not limited to, social distancing and installation of plastic and Plexiglas barriers in the courtroom are insufficient to adequately minimize the risk of transmission during this period of the pandemic.

THEREFORE, the Court finds that the current and unprecedented public health crisis, where community transmission is at its highest peak since the start of the pandemic, demands immediate action by the Court to protect the health and welfare of those who access the court, the general public, and court staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

**1. Suspension of Jury Trials**

Effective immediately, the Court suspends all jury trials for the December 2020 and January 2021 jury terms.

**2. Suspension of Evidentiary Hearings Requiring In-person Testimony**

Effective immediately, the Court suspends all evidentiary hearings where in-person testimony is required; all other evidentiary hearings may proceed using the Zoom application if all parties agree.

**3. Time for Trial**

Continuances pursuant to this Administrative Order will be “excluded periods” under CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8) [*unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances*] in computing the time for trial.

**4. Modification, Amendment, or Rescission of this Order.**

The Court may rescind or amend this order for the February 2021 jury term and beyond depending upon the public health information and recommendations at that time.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2020.



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Hon. Lisa Leone, Presiding Judge

**Table 1-A**  
**Administrative Reduction of Fines for Traffic Infractions**

<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>REDUCED PENALTY</b>
No Valid Operator's License with Identification (RCW 46.20.015)	Provide the court with proof of valid driver's license: fine reduced to \$150
No Valid License on Person (RCW 46.20.017)	Provide the court with proof of valid driver's license: charge dismissed
Failure to Provide Proof of Motor Vehicle Insurance (RCW 46.30.020)	Provide the court with proof of motor vehicle insurance in force on the date of the violation: charge dismissed with \$25 cancellation fee (RCW 46.30.020(2)) Provide the court with proof of current motor vehicle insurance (even if not insured on date of violation): fine reduced to \$150
Vehicle Registration Violation (Expired less than two months) (RCW 46.16A.030)	Provide the court with proof of current vehicle registration and this is defendant's first offense: charge dismissed Provide the court with proof of current vehicle registration and this is defendant's second or subsequent offense: fine reduced to \$90
Vehicle Registration Violation (expired over two months) (RCW 46.16A.030)	Provide the court with proof of current vehicle registration: fine reduced to \$100
Equipment Violation (RCW 46.37.040, et. seq.)	Provide the court with proof of repair / compliance and the charge will be dismissed

**Table 1-B**  
**Administrative Reduction of Fines for Automated Traffic Safety Camera Violations**

<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>REDUCED PENALTY</b>
Red Light Camera Violations (RCW 46.61.050(1))	Fine reduced to: \$85
Speeding in School Zone – Camera Violation (up to 10 mph over speed limit) (RCW 46.61.440)	First offense, fine reduced to: \$125
Speeding in School Zone – Camera Ticket (10 mph over or more over the speed limit) (RCW 46.61.440)	Requires hearing by written statement

