

TUKWILA MUNICIPAL COURT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY TUKWILA
COURT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO: 2020-2
FOURTH REVISION: JURY TRIALS AND
COURT OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice has issued Fifth Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, No. 25700-B-653, in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on February 19, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila issued a formal declaration of emergency on March 9, 2020 recognizing the health, safety, and welfare of Tukwila residents, visitors, and staff is of the utmost importance of the City; and

WHEREAS, Tukwila City Hall and Tukwila Court are largely closed to the public and continue to operate virtually; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila Court determined its current court facility located in the Tukwila Justice Center does adequately support limited safe jury trial and court operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE May 1, 2021 UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT:

While jury selection shall be conducted virtually via Zoom with video and audio settings activated, in person jury trials shall resume at the Tukwila Justice Center. Jury trials shall be broadcast live via the court's YouTube channel as there is insufficient space to allow in person public viewing. The court will continue to make provisional public defender appointments to all defendants prior to arraignment as space and time limitations make financial screening too onerous. Optional in person hearings are available every Wednesday during the 1:30 and 2:30 calendars. The court facility, customer service counters, and Court Support Services section shall be open to the public every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All in person participants and court customers must adhere to facility COVID-19 safety rules. This order will be reconsidered on an ongoing basis and decisions made regarding in person hearings and

facility availability shall be based on the prevailing COVID-19 safety conditions, public health recommendations, and space limitations at the Tukwila Justice Center. The court will continue to conduct all other court operations in a virtual environment.

This Order may be amended, extended, or withdrawn to address the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2021.

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Judge Kimberly A. Walden

Tukwila Municipal Court