

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER)
THE EXIGENT)
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED)
BY COVID-19 AND)
RELATED CORONAVIRUS)
_____)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2023 - 01

RECISSION OF EMERGENCY GENERAL
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED
DURING THE COVID 19 CRISIS

PURSUANT TO order No. 25700-B-626 of The Supreme Court of Washington and GR 21, as Presiding Judge of the Seattle Municipal Court, in the interest of both public safety and public health throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and given the recission of the State and Federal emergency orders,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Unless specifically noted in this order, the provisions of the following General Administrative Orders are rescinded effective January 2nd, 2024; 2020-02, 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-05, 2020-06, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-13, 2020-15, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-03.
2. Defendant signatures: Pursuant to direction provided in orders of the Supreme Court of Washington Nos. 25700-B-697, 25700-B-606, 25700-B-615 and 25700-B-262, defendant signatures shall not be required on any forms, notices, orders, or pleas on all matters unless specifically directed by a Judicial Officer.
3. In-Person and Remote Hearings: Unless directly ordered to appear in person by a Judicial Officer, the defendant may appear in-person or remotely for all proceedings with the exception of jury trials and criminal motion hearings that require the presentation of video or other physical evidence.

4. Nothing in this order prevents a judicial officer from ordering a person to appear in-person on a specific matter should the Court deem it necessary in the interests of justice or community safety.
5. This order and other applicable emergency general administrative orders may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the orders in each case. This order supersedes the Court's previous general administrative orders.

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DONE this _____ day of _____, 2023



Faye R. Chess, PRESIDING JUDGE