IN THE PHOENIX MUNICIPAL COURT
COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF LIMITING COURT OPERATIONS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	))))	ORDER 20-12

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protect the health and safety of the public, several executive and administrative orders have been respectively issued by the Arizona Governor and the Arizona Supreme and Maricopa County Superior Courts. In accordance with these orders and to protect the health and safety of its employees, others working in the court building, and members of the public coming to the Phoenix Municipal Court ("Court"), the Court has issued several of its own administrative orders restricting in-person court proceedings and court activities.

On June 29, 2020, the Maricopa County Superior Court issued Administrative Order 2020-078 providing that the number of new, daily positive COVID-19 cases in Arizona has gone from 187 cases on June 1, 2020, to 3,857 cases on June 28, 2020. Further, as a consequence of the number of increased cases, the number of available beds in Maricopa County Intensive Care Units ("ICUs"), to include Phoenix, is being reduced.

In consideration of the increased spread of the COVID-19 virus, the resulting decrease in available ICU hospital beds, and in continuing to take measures in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public, Court employees, and others working in the court building, the Phoenix Municipal Court is restricting all in-person proceedings to the greatest extent possible consistent with core constitutional rights.

IT IS ORDERED that through July 31, 2020, with limited exceptions as set forth below, no in-person proceedings will occur in Phoenix Municipal Court. The Court will continue to hold telephonic hearings and remain available to process all case types and non-appearance proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attendance at any in-person proceedings, held pursuant to any of the limited exceptions below, will be limited to parties, witnesses, victims, law enforcement officers, and lawyers participating in the proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that beginning July 6, 2020, Phoenix Municipal Court operations and activities will continue in accordance with Order 20-10, EXCEPT for the following:

(a) Jury trials will not be scheduled prior to August 10, 2020. All persons summoned for jury duty from March 18 through August 10, 2020 are excused.
(b) In-person, post arraignment settings are continued and will resume August 3, 2020.
(c) In-person, criminal arraignments are continued and will resume August 3, 2020.
(d) Out-of-Custody Non-Jury Trials scheduled in July are continued and will not be scheduled for trial prior to August 4, 2020.
(e) In-person, civil hearings scheduled in July are continued. However, non-hearing deadlines in civil cases are to be observed and handled remotely.
(f) General transport of in-custody defendants will not take place. It will be incumbent upon the parties to cases to notify the Court when an in-custody defendant desires to enter a plea, or have the case set to trial. The Court will schedule such individual transports to take place as soon as reasonably possible.
(g) Sentence review hearings will continue as scheduled, but will only be conducted telephonically.
(h) For all criminal cases subject to this Order, time is excluded for the purpose of calculating time under Rules 8 and 27, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, between March 18, 2020 and July 31, 2020, subject to further direction of the Arizona Supreme Court.
(i) All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic and video appearances are to be utilized where feasible.
(j) To the extent proceedings occur within the Court, such proceedings are to be conducted in a manner consistent with the Centers for Disease Control's social distancing recommendations and guidance. Until further notice, courtroom proceedings will not include more than ten (10) persons, unless more than ten (10) is authorized by the Chief Presiding Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ENCOURAGED that all parties to cases in the Phoenix Municipal Court continue to work towards the resolution and settlement of cases subject to this Order.

DATED this 2nd day of July 2020.

B. Don Taylor III
Chief Presiding Judge