

1 **IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF HAWTHORNE TOWNSHIP**
2 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINERAL, STATE OF NEVADA**

3 IN THE MATTER OF)
4 HAWTHORNE JUSTICE COURT)
5 Court's Response to Coronavirus)
6 Disease (COVID-19))

Administrative Order: 20-02

7 WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of
8 emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease
9 (COVID-19). Given the severity of the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, and
10 after consultation with Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, the
11 Hawthorne Township Justice Court has determined that alterations to court procedure
12 are necessary for the protection of the community;
13 and THEREFORE;

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective March 17, 2020, the Hawthorne
15 Township Justice Court will continue to accept filings and manage cases within the
16 parameters set forth in this order;

- 17 1. Beginning March 17, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, all criminal
18 in-custody hearings will be held via video conferencing when possible
- 19 2. All criminal out-of-custody hearing will be continued for a period of sixty
20 (60) days. Individuals with attorneys for criminal cases are encouraged to
21 contact their attorneys instead of coming to the Court to obtain new court dates
22 and/or provide their attorneys with proof of completion of any court-ordered
23 requirements. Attorneys are encouraged to communicate with the Court via
24 email (preferred method) or phone to obtain new court dates for these matters.
- 25 3. All traffic pre-trial matters shall be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days
26 from the date of this order;
- 27 4. Any person arrested on a criminal offense subject to an own-recognizance
28 release will be given a return court date in sixty (60) days;
5. Any person arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants will be subject to
 immediate release, and given a court date no sooner than May 15th, 2020;
6. Any person with an active misdemeanor bench warrant (including traffic)
 who contacts the court shall have the warrant recalled by the Court.

 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that effective March 16th, 2020, all currently
scheduled non-essential Justice Court hearings are to be conducted by video or
telephonic means; decided on papers; or rescheduled unless otherwise directed by the
the presiding Judge;

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that essential case types and hearings will continue
2 to be heard through in-person appearances, although appearance by alternative means
3 under Nevada Supreme Court Rule Part IX is encouraged when possible. Essential
4 case types and hearings include the following:

- 5 1. In-Custody criminal arraignments, bail motions, and probation revocation hearings
6 until arrangements can be made to hear these matters by alternative means;
- 7 2. Domestic temporary, or extended orders
- 8 3. High-risk protective orders

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Traffic pre-trial hearings and status
10 conferences are temporarily suspended.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this administrative order shall be reviewed no
12 later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified or rescinded by a
13 subsequent order.

14 Entered this 17th day of March 2020.

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19 Justice of the Peace
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