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2 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF PAHRUMP TOWNSHIP

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4 COUNTY OF NYE, STATE OF NEVADA

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6 **ORDER**7
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10 On or about March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency
11 in the United States in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-
12 19). On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada
13 in response to the recent outbreak of COVID-19. Given the severity of the risk posed to the
14 public by COVID-19, actions taken by the Nevada Supreme Court, and the Fifth Judicial
15 District Court (Administrative Order filed March 16, 2020), Judge Kent Jasperson and Judge
16 Lisa Chamlee of Pahrump Township Justice Court have determined that alterations to court
17 procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.
1819 Effective March 16, 2020, Pahrump Justice Court will accept court filings and continue
20 to operate managing cases within the parameters set forth in this order.21 1. In-custody transport of defendants will be suspended for 30 days. In-custody
22 arraignments, pretrials, sentencing hearings, and status hearings will be
23 accommodated through telecommunication and/or video conferencing, unless
24 otherwise ordered by the Court in any particular case.
25 2. All arraignments (traffic and criminal) currently scheduled between March 16, 2020
26 through April 16, 2020 will be continued for a period of at least 30 days.
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3. Defendants arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants subject to release under
1 the current pretrial procedures will be given a return date of 45 days, or as soon
2 thereafter as the Court's calendar will allow.

4. Out of custody trials (traffic and criminal) scheduled between March 16, 2020
3 through April 16, 2020, will be continued for a period of 45 days, or as soon
4 thereafter as the Court's calendar will allow.

5. Any person who is arrested on a traffic violation shall be administratively released
6 at the jail and ordered to contact the Pahrump Justice Court by telephone no
7 sooner than May 15, 2020 to schedule a return hearing.

8. Any person who is arrested on a bench warrant for a traffic citation shall be
9 released on that person's own recognizance and ordered to contact the Pahrump
10 Justice Court by telephone within 4 weeks of their release from custody to
11 schedule a return hearing date.

12. Any out-of-custody person with an active bench warrant who contacts the Pahrump
13 Justice Court by telephone shall have that person's warrant immediately recalled
14 by the Court, and the person shall be given a return court date no sooner than May
15, 2020.

16. All civil filings, including but not limited to small claims complaints, domestic battery
17 protective orders, stalking/harassment protective orders, evictions, and general
18 civil matters, shall be submitted for filing by depositing the pleadings/forms in the
19 Pahrump Justice Court drop box.

20. Blank civil forms will be available in the Pahrump Justice Court lobby for all
21 persons who require a physical copy of a blank form.

22. Any individuals who require assistance should contact Pahrump Justice Court staff
23 by telephone at (775) 751-7050, who will be available during the Court's regular
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1 operating hours, or by visiting the Pahrump Justice Court website:

2 pahrumpjusticecourt.com.

3 11. In order to reduce social contact, Pahrump Justice court encourages use of
4 electronic communications for the resolution of cases, status checks, pretrials,
5 and/or negotiations.

6 12. Any individual who is not a party, counsel for a party, victim, or witness in any
7 given case shall not be permitted into either Department A or B of Pahrump Justice
8 Court to observe proceedings, to protect court personnel and the community.

9 Additionally, the Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions
10 and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. To assist all persons unable
11 to enter the court facility because of exposure or illness, any such person may call (775)
12 751-7050 to speak to a representative for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance,
13 arranging for appearance by alternate means, or provide other information based on the
14 circumstances of the appearance.

16 This Order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until
17 modified and/or rescinded by a subsequent order.

18 DATED this 16th day of March 2020.

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21 Lisa Chamlee
22 Justice of the Peace
23 Pahrump Township, Dept. A

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28 Kent Jasperson
Justice of the Peace
Pahrump Township, Dept. B