

1 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF PAHRUMP TOWNSHIP
2 COUNTY OF NYE, STATE OF NEVADA

PAHRUMP JUSTICE COURT

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4 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:
5 PAHRUMP JUSTICE COURT'S
6 RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS
7 DISEASE (COVID-19)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-5

9 On May 4, 2020, the Pahrump Justice Court re-opened for business, and resumed
10 conducting hearings by telephonic or video appearance only, as set forth under
11 Administrative Order 2020-4. Pursuant to this Order and Governor Sisolak's current
12 directives for a phased re-opening of Nevada's economy and systematic lifting of Covid-19
13 restrictions, the Pahrump Justice Court hereby issues the following changes to its previous
14 Covid-19 Administrative Orders, effective May 26, 2020:

- 15 1. The following types of criminal hearings will be conducted: Initial appearances,
16 arraignments, bail hearings, pretrial hearings, preliminary hearings, bench trials,
17 and status hearings.
- 18 2. The following types of civil hearings will be conducted: protective order
19 hearings, and emergency hearings regarding a landlord's willful interruption of
20 essential utility's necessary for tenant's survival. With respect to small claims
21 trials and motion hearings, general civil trials and motion hearings thereon, the
22 Court will review and set these matters on a case-by-case basis. With respect
23 to eviction proceedings, the Court may set these matters for hearing, but will not
24 issue any eviction orders while Governor Sisolak's moratorium on evictions is in
25 effect.

- 1 3. Unless specifically ordered in a particular case that presents compelling
2 circumstances for telephonic or video appearance, the Court will conduct these
3 hearings in person, with parties, witnesses, and attorneys appearing in the
4 courtroom. In accordance with CDC regulations and recommendations
5 regarding social distancing, all individuals in the courtroom are required to wear
6 masks at all times present in the courtroom, and must use latex gloves or hand
7 sanitizer.
- 8 4. Only litigants, parties, witnesses, and attorneys are permitted to be in the Court
9 for hearings. No family members, friends, or observers will be permitted to wait
10 in the Court lobby or courtrooms. Any individual who is not authorized to be in
11 the Court lobby or courtrooms must wait in their vehicle, or in the parking lot of
12 the courthouse, while observing social distancing guidelines.
- 13 5. No more than ten (10) defendants or litigants will be permitted into each
14 courtroom at a time, and the bailiff for each respective courtroom will call the
15 names of defendants or litigants who can enter the courtroom from the Court
16 lobby. All defendants, parties, and witnesses waiting in the lobby shall comply
17 with social distancing guidelines of at least six (6) feet of distance between each
18 other, and all individuals must wear masks whenever present in the Justice
19 Court lobby.
- 20 6. No jury trials will be scheduled at this time.
- 21 7. Counsel and unrepresented litigants must make every effort to avoid calling
22 unnecessary or cumulative witnesses to testify in court, and shall comply with
23 any court order limiting the number of witnesses permitted to testify in a
24 particular proceeding.
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1 8. Any individual who had a hearing or appearance moved, rescheduled, or
2 postponed by the Court due to the pandemic is required to contact the Court to
3 reschedule their appearance if they are unable to appear. Failure to do so
4 could result in a warrant being issued for that person's arrest. Additionally, any
5 individual who has been issued an Order to Show Cause who fails to respond
6 will be issued a bench warrant. While the Court acknowledges there have been
7 disruptions to court hearings as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, this does not
8 excuse an individual's requirement to address outstanding traffic or criminal
9 matters by maintaining contact with the Court.

10 All other provisions set forth in the Court's previous Covid-19 Administrative Orders
11 shall remain in effect until further notice. This Administrative Order is posted on the
12 Pahrump Justice Court website, and the Nye County website. Copies may be obtained by
13 emailing the Court at pjc@pahrupjusticecourt.com, or by contacting the court at (775)
14 751-7050.

15 This order will be re-evaluated for any necessary changes as Governor Sisolak
16 issues new directives.

17 Dated this 15th day of May, 2020.

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23 Justice of the Peace
24 Pahrump Township, Dept. A

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22 Kent Jaspersen
23 Justice of the Peace
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