

**Municipal Court of Washington  
for the City of Pasco**

In re:

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE  
DISRUPTION OF AOC-PROVIDED  
SERVICES TO THE COURTS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 24-02

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts identified unauthorized activity within their computer network and has taken active efforts to isolate AOC-provided services resulting in state-wide unavailability of AOC systems including JIS, JABS, ETP/Sector and the AOC website as of Monday, November 4, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the loss of the judicial information systems at AOC affects all aspects of the court's processes and has created an emergency requiring this Court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders; and to take further action concerning court operations as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no expected time for restoration of services from AOC;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Pasco Municipal Court's authority to administer justice and ensure access to justice for litigants, and the public,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. **JURY TRIALS:** All Trial Readiness Hearings and Jury Trials currently set for the month of November are reset to December 13, 2024 and December 18, 2024 respectively.
  - a. The Court finds and concludes in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(g)(8) and CrRLJ 3.3(f)(2) that all continuances granted or ordered by this court pursuant to this order are (1) due to unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the court or the parties; (2) required for the administration of justice; (3) that good cause exists for such continuances; and (4) that criminal

defendants will not be prejudiced in the presentation of their defenses by such continuances.

- b. In all cases with trials continued pursuant to this Order, the allowable time for trial shall not expire earlier than 30 days after the new trial setting.

2. **OTHER CRIMINAL HEARINGS:** All criminal hearings currently set in the month of November, other than hearings for individuals in custody on new charges or arrested on bench warrants, are reset 4 weeks from the date originally set.

- a. The Court will accept agreed motions to continue without the defendant having to personally appear in court. These motions may be filed in advance of the hearing or filed in court on the originally scheduled hearing date. The Court finds and concludes in accordance with CrRLJ 3.3(f) that all continuances granted or ordered by the Court pursuant to this Order are required in the administration of justice and further finds that good cause exists for such continuances and that criminal defendants will not be prejudiced in the presentation of their defenses by any such continuances.
- b. Speedy trial waivers with later commencement date resulting in a prolonged continuance will be accepted and are encouraged by the Court.
- c. The Court finds good cause to waive the right of speedy sentencing in cases involving a plea of guilty to a crime involving Domestic Violence, Driving Under the Influence, Physical Control of a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence and Driving While License Suspended in the First Degree due to the inability of the Court to verify the criminal history of the Defendant. Sentencings for these crimes may be set outside of 14 days from entry of the plea.

3. **CIVIL & INFRACTION HEARINGS:**

- a. Pursuant to IRLJ 2.2(d) the court finds good cause to extend the time limits for filing of infractions issued during the state-wide unavailability of ETP/Sector and JIS beyond the five days of issuance of the notice through November 20, 2024.

- b. Prehearing Conferences set in the month of November 2024 are stricken and reset 4 weeks from the date originally set unless an agreement is reached between the defendant and the prosecuting attorney or the defendant's representative and the prosecuting attorney to another date after November 2024.
  - c. Defendants set for contested hearings may request a decision on written statement in lieu of an in-person hearing pursuant to IRLJ 3.5(a) or choose to have their in-person hearing reset to an available date in January 2025 or later.
  - d. Defendants set for mitigation hearings may request a decision on written statement in lieu of an in-person hearing, choose to submit a written mitigation statement prior to the hearing, or choose to have their in-person hearing reset to an available date in January 2025 or later.
  - e. Motions to set aside default judgments set in the month of November 2024 are stricken and reset 4 weeks from the date originally set unless the defendant requests a date later and signs an agreement to appear.
  - f. The "speedy hearing" deadlines set in IRLJ 2.6(a) and IRLJ 2.6(b) are suspended while this Order is in effect.
4. This Order shall remain in effect through November 27, 2024 unless subsequently rescinded, modified or extended by the Court.

Dated: 11-8-2024

  
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Pasco Municipal Court Judge