

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

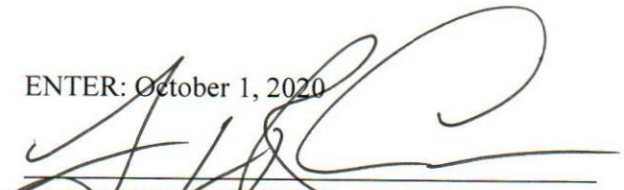
In re: PERIOD OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS-SEVENTH ORDER

Order

During the period of judicial emergency due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Court enters this Order to advise court users of the operations of this Court beginning October 1, 2020.

- 1) The Court shall hear all non-jury civil cases scheduled for trial on the docket. No civil jury trials shall occur until further notice. Civil jury trial cases shall be continued. Counsel may schedule a new trial date by submitting an agreed continuance order with a date approved by the court or by submission of a praecipe for the setting of a trial date at docket call.
- 2) The Court will hear criminal cases using in-person and video conferencing. The resumption of criminal jury trials is scheduled for November 2020. The docketing of these matters shall be on a schedule established and approved by the Court.
- 3) Scheduled Judicial Settlement Conferences in a courtroom for a divorce case may be heard in-person.
- 4) Matters set on the Duty Judge Docket shall be heard by use of a two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using WebEx unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge. The regular Friday Motion Docket has resumed.
- 5) Civil Docket Call shall be held subject to social and physical distancing restrictions in the courtroom.
- 6) All in-person proceedings shall be subject to precautions taken by the presiding judge to comply with social distancing requirements. All in-person proceedings shall be subject to the minimum number of necessary participants, and the number of observers permitted in the courtroom at any given time may be limited by the presiding judge while preserving public access to the Court. For in-person proceedings the parties and counsel shall wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth except for those who cannot safely wear a face mask because of a health-related condition or medical issue. The presiding judge may authorize removal of a face mask to facilitate a proceeding and when the wearing of a face mask may inhibit the ability to communicate.

ENTER: October 1, 2020



CHIEF JUDGE GLENN R. CROSHAW