

**SEDRO-WOOLLEY MUNICIPAL COURT
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
EMERGENCY ORDER RE: COVID-19) NO. 20-03

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Washington has declared a state of emergency in all counties of Washington due to the public health emergency caused by the corona virus disease (COVID-19); and; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Operation of IRLJ 2.6 governing the scheduling of in-person court hearings on infractions is hereby suspended until further Order of the Court.
2. Effective immediately, all requests for in-person mitigation or contested court hearings on civil infractions shall be scheduled for a hearing by written statement pursuant to IRLJ 3.5.
3. Unless a ticket is in default, Court clerks are hereby authorized to reduce fines (or dismiss, where noted) upon request for the violations identified in table 1-A below; once the request is granted, no further hearing will be scheduled and the defendant must pay the reduced fine within 30 days or enter into a payment plan with the court within that 30 day period. Requests made pursuant to this section for a dismissal or reduction in fine may be made in person, or submitted in writing by email or first-class mail.

