

**IN THE DREAMY DRAW JUSTICE COURT
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF)
LIMITATION OF COURT)
OPERATIONS DURING)
A NATIONAL PUBLIC)
HEALTH EMERGENCY)

DDJC ADMIN. ORDER 2020-01

The President of the United States has declared a national health emergency. Consistent with that declaration, our state Supreme Court has issued an Administrative Order which states, in part, that:

“IT IS ORDERED that all in-person proceedings in all Arizona appellate, superior, justice and municipal courts and before the presiding disciplinary judge be avoided to the greatest extent possible consistent with core constitutional rights until further order of this court.”

The Supreme Court has also ordered that:

The Honorable Judge Joseph Welty, presiding judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court, has been authorized by the Supreme Court to issue certain orders. Judge Welty has ordered that no more than ten persons (10) or, with approval, no more than 25 persons may be scheduled for a court appearance at the same time.

THEREFORE, from Monday, March 23, 2020 through and including at least Monday, April 6, 2020, the Dreamy Draw Justice Court calendar will be affected in the following ways:

It is ordered continuing all previously scheduled court matters, except the following:

- (1) order of protection hearings;**
- (2) walk-in *ex parte* hearings on issuance of protective orders;**
- (3) immediate eviction actions.**

Generally, anything that needs to be filed or dropped off at the court may be placed in the red box outside the courthouse. For the sake of public health, it is extremely important to drastically limit the number of people who enter the building, located at 18380 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85032.

As the situation clarifies, the court will be open to using virtual court technology, telephonic appearances, etc.

EVICCTIONS:

Beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020, all scheduled non-immediate eviction matters (i.e.; failure to pay cases) will be continued until a date no earlier than Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Effective on April 7, 2020, no more than a total of twenty (20) eviction matters will be scheduled per day on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The parties are welcome to appear telephonically. The court will be notifying the parties by phone and mail of the new court date. The parties are strongly encouraged to seek a resolution of their cases by settlement, and are welcome to submit stipulated judgments signed by both parties.

WALK-IN WARRANTS:

Persons appearing for the purpose of having a bench warrant quashed that was issued for failure to pay fines, etc. and/or failure to appear, are strongly encouraged to call the court to have the warrant quashed, and to receive further instruction.

CRIMINAL and CIVIL TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENTS:

The court is firmly committed to reducing the number of people who appear at the courthouse until further notice. All previously scheduled criminal and civil traffic arraignments will be continued to a date after Monday, April 15, 2020.

For civil traffic citations, the defendant may: (a) plead responsible and pay their civil sanction online, (b) plead not responsible and request a civil traffic hearing, or (c) attend Defensive Driving School, if they qualify. All pleas may be entered by completing the written plea sheet (available at the front door of the building) and dropping it in the red box outside.

For criminal arraignments, the defendant may: (a) request a continuance by phone or email; (b) complete the written plea sheet (available at the front door) and drop in the red box outside the building. The court will not be conducting live, in-person arraignment hearings until further notice.

CRIMINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCES:

The court will not be conducting live, in-person criminal pretrial conferences until at least Monday, April 15, 2020. As with all dates, this is subject to change based on the progression of the corona virus.

All pretrial conferences scheduled prior to that date have been continued. The county attorney's office is welcome to arrange telephonic pretrial conferences.

CIVIL TRIALS AND RELATED MATTERS:

All previously scheduled civil matters, including civil trials, small claims hearings, garnishment hearings, mediation hearings, orders to show cause, and judgment debtor examinations, etc., have or will be continued to a date after Monday, April 15, 2020.

The parties are strongly encouraged to reach stipulations wherever possible, including settlement of lawsuits, stipulations regarding statutory minimum percentage of garnishments, etc.

WEDDINGS:

Until further notice, all weddings will be performed outside the Maricopa County Northeast Regional Court Center, weather permitting.

IT IS ORDERED this 23rd. day of March, 2020.

/s/ Frank J. Conti

FRANK J. CONTI
Justice of the Peace
Dreamy Draw Justice Court