

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FILED IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNTY OF ALAMANCE

DISTRICT COURT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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The undersigned Chief District Court Judge of Judicial District 15A enters this Administrative Order pursuant to Governor Roy Cooper declaring a statewide emergency and Chief Justice Cheri Beasley's Administrative Order in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 13, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and recognized that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 "avoid large groups of people as much as possible" and further recognized that the "people at high risk of severe illness" are "adults over 65 years, those with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems";

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommends for "Mass Gathering Events" that the event organizers, in part: 1) urge everyone who is sick not to attend; 2) encourage those who are at high risk as described above not attend; 3) find ways to give people more physical space to limit close contact as much as possible; and 4) encourage attendees to wash hands frequently;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Chief Justice Cheri Beasley of the North Carolina Supreme Court has issued an Administrative Order that effective March 16, 2020 that most Superior and District Court activities in the State be suspended for the next thirty days;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 15, 2020 Chief Justice Cheri Beasley and NCAOC Director McKinley Wooten, Jr. clarified the above referenced Administrative Order by distributing a Coronavirus Update for our Courts addressing some frequently asked questions including but not limited to: In-person meetings must be postponed or cancelled to the fullest extent possible;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 25, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper issued an executive order prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people, ordering all entertainment businesses and personal grooming business be closed and directing the closure of all K-12 public schools through May 15, 2020. Violations of the order are punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that on March 27, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper issued an executive stay at home order beginning Monday, March 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. directing people to stay at home except to visit essential businesses, prohibiting gatherings

of more than 10 people, and directing everyone to physically stay six feet away from others. Violations of the order are punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that in the interest of Justice the Clerk of Superior Court shall not issue a failure to comply or order for arrest on any district court case wherein the Defendant has been ordered to pay a district court criminal/traffic fee or fine that shall become due between March 16, 2020 and April 17, 2020 and has a statutory period of time to be paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That in the interest of Justice the Clerk of Superior Court shall not issue a failure to comply or order for arrest on any district court case wherein the Defendant has been ordered to pay a district court criminal/traffic fee or fine that shall become due between March 16, 2020 and April 17, 2020 and has a statutory period of time to be paid.

2. Effective immediately, Defendants ordered to pay district court criminal/traffic fees and fines that become due during March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 shall have an additional forty (40) days to make their payments.

3. Defendants with the ability to make their payments during this time are strongly encouraged to do so utilizing the online payment tool available at www.nccourts.gov.

This the 30th day of March, 2020.



Bradley Reid Allen, Sr.
Chief District Court Judge