

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

COUNTY OF ALAMANCE

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2020 MAR 30 DISTRICT COURT

ALAMANCE CO., C.S.C.
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 due to the COVID-19 virus admissions into county jails across the state have been restricted and bondsmen that otherwise could meet the requirements to set aside forfeitures have been unable to do so at no fault of their own.

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT In the interest of Justice any bond forfeitures whose final judgment date becomes due during the period of March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 shall have an additional forty (40) days from April 17, 2020 to comply with conditions to set aside the bond forfeiture and will be allowed to file motions to set aside the bond forfeiture and will be deemed to be timely complied with and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. In the interest of Justice any bond forfeitures whose final judgment date becomes due during the period of March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 shall have an additional forty (40) days from April 17, 2020 to comply with conditions to set aside the bond forfeiture and will be allowed to file motions to set aside the bond forfeiture and will be deemed to be timely complied with and timely filed.

This the 30th day of March, 2020.



Bradley Reid Allen, Sr.
Chief District Court Judge