

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

2020 MAY 26 P 12:07

ROCKINGHAM CO., C.S.C.)

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TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE
CHIEF JUSTICE'S DIRECTIVES
AND GUIDANCE REGARDING
THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND
CIVIL NON-JURY COURT

WHEREAS, current directives and guidance from the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court limit the number of people that can be in a courtroom; and

WHEREAS, the typical number of people present in Courtroom C for Civil Non-Jury calendar call is contrary to the directives and guidance of the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, having people waiting in the courtroom or courthouse would be contrary to the directives and guidance of the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the Court's set schedule will be imperative to conducting the Court's business;

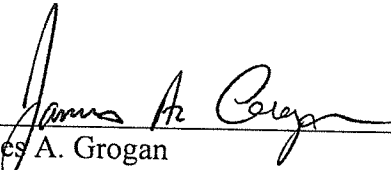
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Rules will be in place for Civil Non-Jury District Court until further notice:

1. Calendar call will be at 2:00 PM in Courtroom B. Attorneys should not have their clients present unless they are needed for a hearing that will take less than fifteen (15) minutes.
2. Cases will be scheduled with priority being given to custody cases and by case age. If the attorneys for both parties agree to a day to set their case it can be done prior to calendar call.
3. Cases assigned to a specific judge should only be calendared during a term when that judge is presiding.
4. If your case is not the first case on the Order of Trial the attorneys and their clients and the parties if *pro se* will be on a thirty (30) minute standby. Attorneys and parties who are not on time will be subject to a minimum \$100.00 fine and/or paying the opposing party's attorney's fees at the Court's discretion.

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5. Attorneys shall be responsible for notifying the Court immediately if their case settles or a hearing will not be necessary.
6. Parties are discouraged from bringing or having anyone attend their hearing who is not a witness in the case. As courtroom capacity will be extremely limited, people other than parties to the case may be required to wait outside the courtroom and outside the courthouse.
7. All other Local Rules remain in effect unless modified by this Order.
8. This Order shall be effective upon filing and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by subsequent order.

This is the 26th day of May 2020.


James A. Grogan
Judge Presiding