

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF LEBANON
LINN COUNTY, OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY

)
) **GENERAL ORDER**
) **No. 2020-02**

TEMPORARY GENERAL ORDER Re: COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY

The President of the United States and The Governor of the State of Oregon have declared a public health emergency throughout the nation and this state in response to the spread of the coronavirus and COVID-19.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease.

The United States Supreme Court, federal district courts, state courts, municipal courts and justice courts throughout the State of Oregon have responded with measures designed to protect as many people as possible involved with the functions of the courts, including all staff, attorneys, plaintiffs and defendants, while being responsive to the dictates of justice, and have found it necessary to reduce and/or suspend all in-person court appearances to the greatest extent possible.

As the appointed Judge for the Lebanon Municipal Court by the City Council and with the authority granted under the City Charter, the Oregon Constitution, the Oregon Revised Statutes and the Lebanon Municipal Code:

NOW THEREFORE, in order to protect public health and following the recommendations of both state and national centers for disease control, the Lebanon Municipal Court hereby finds good cause to respond to these issues as fluidly as possible in light of changing updates with the following orders effective immediately:

1. **Jury Service** All persons now on the jury panel for Lebanon Municipal Court are relieved of any jury service duties for the next 60 days. All jurors 60 years of age, or with any compromised health condition, or caring for a loved one with such condition, are relieved of jury duty upon request. Please call 541-258-4909 to submit your request.

2. **Criminal Matters**

Arraignments. All arraignment appearances for out-of-custody defendants will be postponed without the need for any motion. Written "Reschedule Notices" have been or will be sent to each defendant's last known address. Should a defendant not receive the notice, please call 541-258-4909 to reschedule their court date.

Appearances. All appearances will be postponed without the need for any motion. Written "Reschedule Notices" have been or will be sent to each defendant's last known address. Should a defendant not receive the notice, please call 541-258-4909 to reschedule their court date.

Bench Warrants. All active warrants will be served with cite and release provisions at the discretion of the arresting officer. Any defendant not released from custody shall receive a 36-hour hearing before The Lebanon Municipal Court judge as provided by law.

Community Service and Compensatory Service. Standard bench probation community service/ compensatory service/work crew deadlines are extended for 60 days without the need for any motion.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

At this time the Court finds good cause to extend the thirty-day diversion eligibility period as set forth in ORS 813.210(a) for 30 days, until further order of the court.

The Court will provide access to written requests for extensions of diversion agreements by posting the form on the Court website. Applications for extension will be accepted by mail, email, or facsimile provided they are complete and with contact information listed.

Probation Conditions. All general conditions required to be in process or completed such as anger management classes, parenting classes, community support meetings, consumer awareness classes, traffic safety or education classes, mental health evaluation and treatment, etc. in order to remain in compliance with conditions of probation are extended 60 days without the need for any motion.

3. **Traffic Citations/Violations Bureau.** All pending traffic appearances and pleas may be handled without the need for an in-person appearance and in writing as detailed on the back of the citation. All traffic matters may also be handled by calling the Lebanon Municipal Court Violations Bureau Court at 541-258-4909.

4. **Criminal Citations.** New citations for criminal arraignment shall appear in court in person as ordered on the citation or as rescheduled in a "Reschedule Notice" issued by the Court.

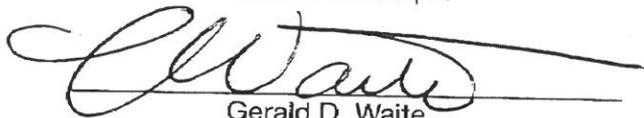
5. **Payments and Collections.** Court staff can extend any person requesting an extension on their payment contract for the next 60 days. Contact the Court at 541-258-4909 to request an extension.

6. **Payment Agreements.** Persons desiring to set a payment plan may contact the Court and may be sent a payment agreement by mail, email or facsimile. The person must complete the payment agreement and return it to the court by mail, email or facsimile.

7. **Drivers License Suspensions.** Any defendant who's driving privileges have been suspended out of this Court for nonpayment of fines and wishes the suspension be lifted may resume payments or complete a payment agreement and driving privileges will be reinstated. Contact the Court at 541-258-4909 to request reinstatement of driving privileges.

8. **Duration.** This Order will be in effect immediately and remain in effect until further order of the Court and is subject to modification as the situation develops.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2020.



Gerald D. Waite
Lebanon Municipal Court