

VIRGINIA: IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

AMENDED ORDER

Due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic, effective March 17, 2020, and through April 6, 2020, the General District Court of the City of Virginia Beach will be closed except as follows:

- (1) Felony bond hearings will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear via video feed from the jail.
- (2) Misdemeanor bond hearings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear via video feed from the jail.
- (3) Arraignments will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear by video feed from the jail.
- (4) Petitions for protective orders and for release of impounded vehicles may be submitted to the civil division clerk's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- (5) Petitions for emergency medical and mental health treatment.
- (6) Filing of garnishment exemption motions, including on joint accounts. Hearings on said motions will be heard at 2:00 p.m. in Traffic Courtroom D.

No persons will be admitted to the courthouse for any other matters before the General District Court.

All criminal and traffic cases scheduled to be heard from March 17 through April 6, 2020 are hereby continued. All parties to such cases will receive mailed notice of their new court dates. Parties may also go online to the case information tab at www.courts.state.va.us to access scheduling information.

All civil cases, including protective order hearings, scheduled to be heard from March 17 through April 6, 2020, are continued for thirty days from the currently scheduled date. If the thirtieth day is a weekend or holiday, then the case will be heard on the next following business day that the court is open. If the matter is a contested civil case set for 10:00 a.m., then the case will be continued to the thirtieth day in order to set a new date for trial. All current preliminary protective orders will continue in effect until the new continued protective order hearing date.

Parties are directed to www.courts.state.va.us for further information and updates.

Entered on March 24, 2020



Daniel R. Lahne, Chief Judge