

EDMONDS MUNICIPAL COURT
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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JUDGE
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EDM-CrRLJ 3.4(d)

VIDEO AND TELEPHONIC PROCEEDINGS

- (A) Authorization. All hearings, with the exceptions noted below, may be conducted remotely by video or audio in which all participants can simultaneously speak, and see or hear each other. Participants shall appear by video, instead of just audio, when possible while addressing their matters. Such proceedings shall be deemed held in open court and in the defendant's presence for the purpose of any statute, court rule or policy. Remote hearings must provide for confidential communications between attorney and client.

Attorney and client must have the ability to read all documents executed by the court. If participants have joined the proceedings in a way that prohibits the court from providing a copy to them during the hearing, the documents shall be read to the defendant during the hearing, and the court shall confirm the defendant understands on the record. The court shall provide a copy of the documents to the defendant either through defense counsel who has confirmed that he can and will get a copy to the defendant, or directly to the defendant by email or mail.

All hearings conducted pursuant to this rule shall be public, and the public shall be able to simultaneously see and hear all participants. The public also will be given an opportunity to speak when permitted by the judge, judge pro tem or court commissioner.

- a. The availability of remote hearings does not prohibit participants from appearing in person when the court can safely accommodate in-person hearings.
- (B) Exceptions to section (A).

- a. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the following hearings shall be held in person when the court can safely accommodate in-person hearings for defendants who are out of custody:
 - i. Arraignments and plea hearings for the crimes of Driving Under the Influence, Physical Control, Stalking, domestic-violence related charges (as defined in RCW 10.99), and any charges with sexual motivation.
 - ii. Motions to modify or terminate no-contact orders.
- b. Other trial court proceedings including the entry of a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty as provided for by CrRLJ 4.2 may be conducted by video conference only by agreement of the parties, either in writing or on the record, and upon the approval of the trial court judge pursuant to local court rule.
- c. Any party may request an in-person hearing, which may in the trial court judge's discretion be granted.
- d. Trials and testimonial hearings.
- e. When the court, for good cause, orders participants to appear in person.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2020

Linda W.Y. Coburn



Amended Effective September 1, 2020