

**LAUGHLIN JUSTICE COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
LAUGHLIN JUSTICE)	Amended
COURT’S RESPONSE TO)	Administrative Order 20-01
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE)	
(COVID-19))	

The Presiding Judge of the Laughlin Justice Court has various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the Court, ensuring the quality and continuity of court services, supervising the court calendar, ensuring the court’s duties are performed in a timely and orderly manner and otherwise facilitating the business of the Court.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and on March 15, the Laughlin Justice Court also made an emergency declaration for the same reason . Given the severity of the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, and after review of orders by Supreme Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering and the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Linda Bell, this Presiding Judge has determined that alterations to current court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.

During this time, the Court will continue to accept filings and continue to operate, managing cases as normal but within the parameters set forth in this order effective March 17, 2020.

Court staff will encourage individuals to use the Court’s written plea form on the Court’s website, rather than appearing in person for an arraignment.

Similarly, individuals with money due to the court are encouraged to make those payments on line as provided on the Court's website as well as over the phone.

Requests for continuance will be broadly and reasonably granted to anyone requesting so due to a party, party's family member or counsel not feeling well or other health issues by the Court's clerical staff without the necessity of judicial approval.

Requests for continuance will be broadly and reasonably granted by the Court's clerical staff to anyone requesting so due to business disruption caused by COVID-19 without the necessity of judicial approval.

Requests for extensions on payments will be broadly and reasonably granted by the Court's clerical staff to anyone requesting so due health concerns or due to business disruption caused by COVID-19 without the necessity of judicial approval.

The Court's Bailiff staff will be watching for people entering the building for a scheduled court hearing who may appear ill or otherwise in distress and suggest that these persons or others may request a continuance at the clerk's window which will be broadly and reasonably granted by the Court's clerical staff to anyone requesting so due to business disruption caused by COVID-19 without the necessity of judicial approval.

In an effort to promote social distancing, the bailiff staff will encourage all persons to not sit next to anyone with whom they did not arrive, both in the lobby and the courtroom. At the bailiff staff discretion, it may be necessary to limit the number of persons entering the courthouse at any one time.

Legal counsel are encouraged to avoid all unnecessary appearances by them or their clients by using the Court's fax arraignment process, telephonic and video conference available at the courthouse. Pretrial availability and to fax proofs of completion of court requirements prior to status checks rather than appearing for the scheduled status check.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Tim Atkins, Judge