

**IN THE BREMERTON MUNICIPAL COURT
IN AND FOR KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Judicial Order)	No. 2022-006
Re: The Bremerton)	
Municipal Courthouse)	Emergency Administrative
And The Pandemic)	Order
Outbreak Of the)	
Coronavirus Disease)	
(COVID 19))	
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THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19).

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic the courts in Washington State have been stretched by the constantly changing issues that the pandemic has presented to the court. Since March of 2020 the court has issued emergency orders closing the court, establishing remote hearings, establishing a zoom room for the safety of the public just to name a few of the things the court has done utilizing technology to keep all who enter the courthouse safe. During this timeframe the court has suffered some losses of staff due to the pandemic, retirements, promotions, transfers and normal retention issues. The pandemic has hampered our ability to fill staff positions. These staffing issues are being experienced nationwide. Because of current staffing levels for critical courtroom staff at the court and the continued risk of harm to our front counter clerk staff with medical issues, along with the inability to handle the volume of cases being heard and the volume of in person contacts with the court it is necessary to issue this order under the authority of GR29 and the Supreme Court Orders No.25700-B-602 through No. 25700-B-683.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that effective October 17th -October 31st, 2022, the

The Bremerton Municipal Court building will close to the public at 8:00 am on Monday October 17, 2022.

All court hearings on October 17, 2022, will be conducted via Zoom. Court staff will be available by phone.

The clerk's office will have limited hours beginning on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, opening at 9:00am-noon and 1pm-3pm until Monday October 31st.

Court hearings will be limited, and cases will be continued as courtroom staffing allows. This order will be updated/amended as needed.

DATED this 16th day of October 2022.

Tracy Flood

JUDGE TRACY FLOOD, PRESIDING JUDGE