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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF SPARKS TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF
THE FULL REOPENING OF THE
SPARKS JUSTICE COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-02

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, prior Administrative Orders closed the courthouse to the public and limited court proceedings to remote Zoom trials and hearings;

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, Governor Steve Sisolak signed Emergency Directive 52, which updated the mask and face-covering requirements for the State of Nevada to align with the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Sparks Justice Court has the authority pursuant to NRS 4.157(c) to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the Court.

AND GOOD CAUSE BEING SHOWN,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Administrative Order 2021-03 is rescinded and superseded by this Order effective March 14, 2022.

2. Access Requirements

The Court is open to all in-person access. Individuals are not generally required to wear a face covering. However, the Court reserves the right to require face coverings for anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19, anyone known to have been recently exposed to COVID-19, or for any other reasonable cause.

1 3. Public Counters

2 Public counters are open.

3 4. In-Person Hearings

4 With limited exceptions, **all** hearings and trials at the Sparks Justice Court will be held
5 in person only. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 6 • Out of Custody Arraignments
- 7 • Evictions
- 8 • Out of Custody Pleas
- 9 • Trials
- 10 • Preliminary Hearings
- 11 • Civil Trials
- 12 • Small Claims Hearings
- 13 • Traffic Arraignments, Pre-Trial Hearings and Trials
- 14 • Sparks Recovery Court
- 15 • Out of Custody Warrant Arraignments

16 Parties or counsel may ask for a Zoom appearance for good cause shown, at least 72
17 hours in advance, using the form available on the Court Website. Granting such a
18 request is within the Court's discretion and must be approved by a Judge.

19 Remote appearance requests for Trials or Preliminary Hearings will be considered
20 pursuant to statute, court rule, and the Nevada Rules for Audio Visual Appearances.

21 5. Remote Hearings

22 The following hearings will continue to be held by Zoom:

- 23 • In Custody Arraignments
- 24 • In Custody Pleas
- 25 • Status Hearings
- 26 • Confirmation Hearings

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