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2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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4 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER
5 REGARDING TEMPORARY
6 PROCEDURES IN CIVIL CASES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 21-01

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8 WHEREAS, Governor's Emergency Directive 035 (Revised) places restrictions on
9 gatherings to minimize interpersonal contact to slow the rate at which the COVID-19 virus is
10 spread; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 8 of Governor's Emergency Directive 035 (Revised) restricts
12 public gatherings to no more than 50 persons in areas with a listed fire code capacity of less than
13 200 persons, if done in a manner consistent with social distancing guidelines promulgated by the
14 Nevada Department of Business and Industry; and

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16 WHEREAS, court proceedings fall within the definition of a public gathering and the
17 Las Vegas Justice Court courtrooms have listed fire code capacities of less than 200 persons; and

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19 WHEREAS, Clark County Real Property Management (RPM) prepared a social
20 distancing occupancy plan for the public areas and courtrooms of the Regional Justice Center in
21 a manner consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Nevada Department of Business and
22 Industry; and

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24 WHEREAS, Governor's Emergency Directive 036 imposed a stay on certain qualifying
25 unlawful detainer and summary eviction actions; and

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27 WHEREAS, temporary changes to local procedures are necessary to ensure ongoing
28 compliance with Governor's Emergency Directives 035 (Revised) and 036; and

1 **WHEREAS**, JCRLV 6.5 allows the Chief Judge to make “such orders as deemed
2 advisable” relating to local court rules and procedure; therefore,

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following temporary changes shall be
4 implemented, effective January 4, 2021:

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6 1. All departments hearing civil cases, including small claims actions, summary eviction actions,
7 and civil actions, will maximize virtual court sessions through BlueJeans or telephonic
appearances for all counsel, parties, and witnesses, where possible.

8 a. Meeting IDs for all civil departments are as follows:

9 i. Department 4 – 7026713368

10 ii. Department 5 – 7026713381

11 iii. Department 6 – 7026713392

12 iv. Small Claims – 7026713478

13 v. Summary Evictions - 7026710809

14 2. Parties who do not have internet or cell phone access are authorized to appear in person only
15 when doing so complies with the RPM social distancing occupancy plan. In all other
16 circumstances, motions to continue should be freely granted.

17 *Unlawful Detainer Civil Actions*

18 3. Plaintiffs whose order to show cause hearings and trials were vacated pursuant to Emergency
19 Directive 036 must resubmit a new order to show cause or notice setting trial to the court after
20 the period of the stay has been lifted or terminated. The court will not automatically reschedule
21 these court proceedings.

22 4. All new orders to show cause or trial setting notices must clearly contain the following
23 information:

24 a. Notification that the hearing or trial is virtual;

25 b. Instructions for appearing by video through the BlueJeans virtual hearing through
26 either the internet website or phone application;

27 c. Instructions for the alternative telephonic appearance through BlueJeans by calling
28 (408) 419-1715;

 d. The assigned Meeting ID for the department as set forth in Section 1, above; and

 e. Instructions for either appearing personally or filing a motion to continue if internet or
telephonic means of appearance are not available.

Summary Eviction Actions

5. Summary eviction actions will be governed by the Governor’s Emergency Directive 036.
Summary eviction actions determined to be in violation of Emergency Directive 036 will be
dismissed.

1 6. Summary eviction orders previously issued by the Court that are stayed pursuant to
2 Emergency Directive 036 will expire and must be re-issued by the Court prior to re-posting the
3 order.

4 a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after the termination of Emergency Directive 036
5 to file a motion with the Court requesting the re-issuance of an eviction order with an affidavit or
6 declaration under the penalty of perjury that states:

- 7 i. The same tenant is still occupying the premises; and
- 8 ii. The Landlord has not accepted any rental assistance funds or landlord
9 assistance funds which would impact the Landlord's right to proceed with a lockout.

10 7. Landlords must file a motion to rescind any eviction order where a subsequent agreement,
11 mediation, curative action, payment of defaulted rent, or acceptance of assistance funds has fully
12 resolved the issues between the parties and resulted in a continuation of the tenancy.

13 8. Rule 6.2(b) of the Las Vegas Justice Court Local Rules of Practice (LVJCLRP) is suspended
14 for all Covered Evictions, as defined by Section 3 of Emergency Directive 036, until the
15 Directive is terminated.

16 a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after termination of Emergency Directive 036 to
17 file an affidavit of complaint for summary eviction for these stayed Covered Evictions.

18 b. If no complaint is filed, the case will be administratively closed pursuant to LVJCLRP
19 6.2(d).

20 9. After the termination of Emergency Directive 036, Landlords whose summary eviction
21 hearings were vacated and stayed pursuant to Emergency Directive 036 must file a motion with
22 the Court requesting the matter to be placed back on calendar. The Court will not automatically
23 reschedule such hearings due to the potential for a change in circumstance during the stay period.

24 a. Landlords will have thirty (30) days after the termination of Emergency Directive 036
25 to file a motion to place the hearing on calendar.

26 b. If no motion to place the hearing on calendar is filed, the case will be dismissed.

27 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order shall continue until March
28 31, 2021, unless terminated earlier.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2021.

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27 MELISSA A. SARAGOSA
28 Chief Justice of the Peace
Las Vegas Justice Court