

**Spokane Municipal Court  
City of Spokane, State of Washington**

IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
THE RESPONSE BY SPOKANE MUNICIPAL  
COURT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SPOKANE

**No: 2020-13**

**EMERGENCY ORDER  
RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
COURT OPERATIONS**

This matter comes before the Court based on a public safety emergency in Spokane, Washington, related to civil disturbances associated with national political events.

WHEREAS on May 31, 2020, protests occurring in the City of Spokane related the death of George Floyd and other social issues turned from a peaceful expression of public sentiment to a public disturbance, including the destruction of property and looting, resulting in city government declaring a curfew ending on June 1, 2020 at 5:00 am PDT.

WHEREAS public safety threats related to these civil disturbances are ongoing as of the date of entry of this order.

WHEREAS the both the City of Spokane and Spokane County have issued various emergency directives in association with these civil disturbances, including the closure of the Spokane County public safety campus in which the Spokane Municipal Court is located.

WHEREAS without access to facilities in the Spokane County public safety campus, the Spokane Municipal Court cannot effectively conduct court operations; and

WHEREAS the present civil disturbances and related threats to public safety may pose a physical danger to employees of the Court who will be required to work at the Spokane County public safety campus if the Court remains open for business.

NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Spokane Municipal Court shall temporarily cease operations from June 1, 2020, at 8:00 am PDT and shall remain closed until June 1, 2020, at 5:00 pm PDT.

IT IS FURTHER ORDRED this this Order may be extended as warranted to address the current public safety emergency.

DATED THIS 1st day of June, 2020

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MATTHEW W. ANTUSH, Presiding Judge