

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING)
FINES AND FEES DURING) ORDER 20-003
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that Amended Chief Justice Order 20-006, dated March 27, 2020, encourages all courts in the State of Oregon to waive or suspend fines, fees, and costs for persons with limited financial resources and to take additional steps to reduce financial hardship during the COVID-19 emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT, effective immediately:

1. The Benton County Circuit Court *will*:
 - a. Work with individuals to reduce monthly payments.
 - b. Offer flexible payment plans.
 - c. Allow individuals to stop making payments for a period of time.

Individuals must contact the court to request payment modifications. The individual will still owe the outstanding balance of the debt, even when a payment modification is approved. However, the debt will not accrue interest, fees, or penalties during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Any person affected by the COVID-19 state of emergency may request a suspension or reduction of scheduled payments by emailing Benton.Room104@ojd.state.or.us, or calling (541) 243-7841.

2. The Benton County Circuit Court *will not*:
 - a. Impose fees to set up a payment plan.
 - b. Impose late fees on judgments more than 30 days old.
 - c. Suspend driver licenses for failure to pay a fine within 30 days.
 - d. Send delinquency notices.
 - e. Impose collection fees or refer cases to collections.
 - f. Issue new garnishments.

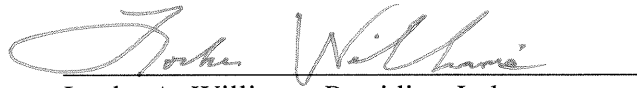
3. An individual able to make regularly scheduled payments, or a reduced payment, can use one of the following methods:

- a. Online www.courts.oregon.gov/ePay
- b. By phone at 1-888-564-2828
- c. In-person using the drop box located at the Benton County Courthouse, outside Room 101

4. These changes remain in effect until 60 days after the governor's COVID-19 state of emergency ends, or as otherwise determined by the court.

5. Other courts, such as municipal and justice courts, are not affected by these changes.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2020.


Locke A. Williams, Presiding Judge
21st Judicial District