

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

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In the Matter of Implementing) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER NO. 2001-00000
CJO 20-047 in FED Proceedings)
) ORDER RE FED PROCEEDINGS DURING FREEZE

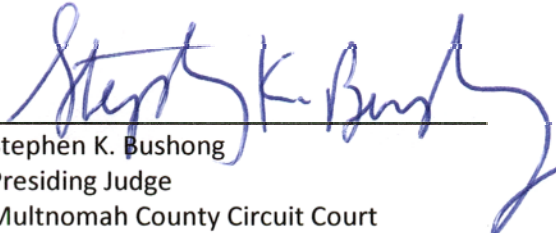
On November 17, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-65, implementing a statewide "freeze" imposing additional restrictions on Oregonians due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On November 18, 2020, Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters issued Chief Justice Order 20-047 imposing restrictions on court operations during the statewide "freeze."

CJO 20-047 precludes courts from conducting in-person motion hearings and trials in Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) proceedings during the statewide "freeze." CJO 20-047 allows—but does not require—courts to conduct court proceedings where individuals appear in court in-person for their first appearances in FED cases during the statewide "freeze." In this court, due to the volume of cases and first appearances on the court's FED docket, allowing in-person first appearances, motion hearings and trials in FED proceedings would unnecessarily bring more people into the courthouse, increasing the risk of infection. To minimize that risk, this court will temporarily suspend FED first appearances during the statewide "freeze" pursuant to this order, absent good cause for allowing an in-person first appearance in any particular case.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, I hereby ORDER as follows:

1. FED first appearances scheduled between November 19, 2020, and December 31, 2020, are postponed without the need for a motion until January 4, 2021, or an alternative date requested by the parties after January 4. In emergency cases for good cause shown, the Presiding Judge or designee may allow an FED first appearance to be scheduled before January 4.
2. FED motion hearings and trials currently scheduled between November 19, 2020, and December 31, 2020, may be re-scheduled to begin on or after January 4, 2021.
3. To the extent needed, counsel or parties to an FED proceeding may appear *ex parte* to reschedule the FED proceeding.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2020.



 Stephen K. Bushong
 Presiding Judge
 Multnomah County Circuit Court