

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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GENERAL ORDER RE:
MOTIONS

The Court, being fully informed, hereby issues the following FINDINGS:

1. All findings and Orders in the “Emergency Order Re: Resumption of Limited Court Operations” dated June 2, 2021, the “Amended Emergency Order Re: Resumption of Limited Court Operations” dated June 9, 2021, and the “Order Re: Partial Reopening of Courthouse” dated June 22, 2021 are incorporated herein, except as may be modified below.
2. The Court previously ordered in paragraph 4 (page 2) of the Amended Emergency Order Re: Resumption of Limited Court Operations that “All motions, including motions to quash bench warrants, shall be on written pleadings unless otherwise ordered.”
3. Written motions have been received for decision on the pleadings where notice to the opposing party is not apparent. Other motions, which may be agreed, do not contain signatures of opposing counsel, making it difficult for the Court to determine the non-moving party’s position.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. All motions will remain on the pleadings unless otherwise ordered.
2. Agreed motions shall include signatures, including electronic signatures if desired, of counsel for both parties, including the signature of the defendant if pro se. Agreed motions need not be noted. Indications that the motion is agreed in the caption is strongly recommended, but not required.
3. All other motions shall be noted on a Wednesday unless there is a motion to shorten time, and shall follow all court rules governing timing of motions. Such motions shall include proof of service upon opposing counsel. The Court will decide such motions on or after the date noted for the motion, as resources permit.
4. Any motions to dismiss that would resolve a case in which a no contact order or anti-harassment order has been issued shall include a proposed rescission order.
5. Any motions not comporting with this Order will be placed in the appropriate court file and may be addressed at the next scheduled hearing in the case.

DATED this 6 day of July, 2021.



DEBRA LEV,
Presiding Judge