

# **THURSTON COUNTY FAMILY & JUVENILE COURT**

## **Letter of Guardianship during Covid-19 Reduced Operations**

The Thurston County Superior Court is operating under limited functions due to the Covid-19 situation. The Court understands that Title 11 Guardians cannot perform their duties, including making crucial healthcare and financial decisions, unless they have valid, unexpired letters of guardianship. For this reason, the Court has identified cases with expired letters and has issued Court orders extending the letters and the deadlines for reporting until after the Court is expected to start normal operations.

If your letters expired recently or will soon expire, simply call the Clerk's Office and request letters of guardianship. No further action should be necessary.

If the Clerk informs you that there is no order to extend letters, you may schedule a hearing on the Probate & Guardianship Ex Parte Calendar without a hearing to request letters. The Court's "FJC Agreed Ex Parte Order Protocol" is here:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/sc/scdocuments/Agreed%20Ex%20Parte%20Order%20Protocol.pdf>