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## Unlawful Detainer Calendar and Ex Parte Changes in Thurston County

Thurston County Superior Court continues to adapt and expand its operations to accommodate the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning on Friday, September 10, 2021, the following changes related to Unlawful Detainer matters will take effect:

### Unlawful Detainer Calendar

*in-person or Zoom appearance*

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

- Filing cap on regular matters is increased from 7 to 12.
- In-person (walk-in) ex parte Unlawful Detainer motions are now allowed.  
*Example: Motion for Order to Show Cause.*
  - Parties must present a physical copy of the proposed order. The party can appear personally if they do not have an attorney, through the party's attorney, or through an attorney associated with the party's attorney who has authority to change the proposed order.
  - The Court will address these ex parte matters after the initial roll call of the calendar and in accordance with the judicial officer's availability.

### Ex Parte Unlawful Detainer Calendar

*ex parte—no appearance*

Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

- Parties do not go to the Courthouse or log into Zoom to present their motion.
- The Court will determine these matters solely based on paperwork filed in the court file.
- Proposed orders shall be filed in Odyssey.
- Parties shall schedule their ex parte matter no later than two court days before the calendar.
- These ex parte matters will be capped at 25 per Calendar.
- *Example: Motion for Order to Show Cause.*

### **Weekday Civil Ex Parte Telephonic Calendar**

*ex parte—telephonic appearance only*

Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

- Emergency Unlawful Detainer matters may be heard during the weekday morning ex parte telephonic process.
  - Only emergency Unlawful Detainer motions are allowed. *Example: Motion to Stay a Pending Eviction.*
  - An attorney or self-represented party may present their motion to the Court by calling (360) 968-0921 weekday mornings during the Calendar.

The Court will continue to accept mail-in ex parte Unlawful Detainer motions, which are available for a \$30 fee paid to the Thurston County Clerk's Office.