

IN THE SALT LAKE CITY JUSTICE COURT OF SALT LAKE COUNTY
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

In Re: :
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT : STANDING ORDER NO. 10-6
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 : (Supplementing Order No. 10-5)
:
: PRESIDING JUDGE
CLEMENS A. LANDAU

This Order is issued to update our standing orders with respect to community service, fines/fees, and jail during the Covid-19 Emergency. For the purpose of this order, the Covid-19 Emergency period is defined as the period from March 14, 2020 until June 1, 2020.¹ This order supplements but does not replace Standing Order No. 10-5, issued March 29, 2020. The court’s operations continue to be governed by the Administrative Order issued by the Utah Supreme Court on March 21, 2020, as well as the Utah State Court’s Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, the Utah State Court’s Continuity of Operations Plan, and this court’s Continuity of Operations Plan.

1. **Community Service in lieu of Fees/Fines.** Several of our traditional providers of community service hours are not in operation and/or not able to take new volunteers during the Covid-19 Emergency. However, a number of new Covid-19-related opportunities are in operation and in need of volunteers. In order to better support the community’s Covid-19 response, the court will give all Defendants the option of submitting community service hours in lieu of fine/fee payments during the Covid-19 Emergency, and will give Defendants credits toward their

¹ The period may be adjusted in subsequent orders. The benefits listed in this order only apply only to Defendants who have already been sentenced and/or Defendants who plead guilty during the Covid-19 Emergency. The benefits described in this order will end as soon as the emergency period ends on June 1, 2020. Further, any Defendant must submit documentation within 90 days of the end of the emergency period to make use of any of the benefits described in this order.

finest/fees for the hours they spend helping to alleviate the impact of this national emergency on our community. Here is a partial list of these opportunities:

- Coronavirus.utah.gov. Any of the volunteer opportunities available on the State of Utah's Covid-19 specific website. See <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/help/>.
- Mutual Aid. Any of the opportunities with the mutual aid organizations. See, e.g.:
 - i. <https://covid19mutualaidslc.com>;
 - ii. <https://www.nhelpingn.com/volunteer>;
 - iii. https://www.covidseniorshoppers.com/salt_lake_city.html.
- Health Care Volunteers: Any of the healthcare volunteer opportunities. See <https://userve.utah.gov/healthcare-volunteers/>. The following are especially needed:
 - i. MD/DO, PA,
 - ii. NP, RN, LPN, CNA,
 - iii. Paramedic, AEMT, EMT,
 - iv. Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician,
 - v. Licensed Clinical Social Worker.
- Personal Protective Equipment Volunteers. Any of the opportunities to make masks, face shields, PPEs, and/or other critical supplies needed by the Covid-19 response. See, e.g., <https://projectprotect.health/#/>.
- Volunteer with Shelter the Homeless. See <https://homelessutah.org/volunteer/>.
- Volunteer with the American Red Cross. The Red Cross has an urgent need for volunteers, including opportunities to serve from home. See <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/urgent-need-for-volunteers.html>.

All of our requirements regarding the documentation and validation of these hours still apply during the Covid-19 Emergency. A sample documentation form is attached as Exhibit A.

Defendants are free to seek-out other volunteer opportunities, but are encouraged to contact the court before starting their project to confirm that the hours will qualify for community service credit.

2. **Fines/Fees in lieu of Community Service**. Some Defendants may be unable to complete community service hours as ordered because they lack access to the above opportunities. During the Covid-19 Emergency, the court will give all Defendants the option of converting their community service obligations to court payments at the rate of \$10/hour.

3. **Charitable Donations in lieu of Fines/Fees.** Organizations serving Salt Lake City’s most vulnerable populations are in need of monetary donations to fund their Covid-19 emergency relief efforts. During the Covid-19 Emergency, the court will give all Defendants a dollar-for-dollar credit toward their fines/fees if they submit documentation of charitable donations to one of the following two organizations:
- **The Salt Lake Education Foundation’s Emergency Relief Fund.** Online donations can be made at <https://www.saltlakeeducationfoundation.org/>. To be eligible, the donation must be ear-marked for the “Emergency Relief Fund.”
 - **The Shelter the Homeless Fund.** Online donations can be made at <https://homelessutah.org/donate/>.

These credits will only be available if the donation is made to one of the above two organizations during the Covid-19 Emergency, i.e., between March 14, 2020 and June 1, 2020.

4. **Jail.** Our prior orders have continued the self-report dates for all Defendants who were previously sentenced to jail. We have received several requests from Defendants who want to serve their sentences now so they can re-enter the workplace as soon as the Covid-19 restrictions on the economy are lifted. In light of the extraordinary nature of this emergency—as well as the documentation of several Covid-19 cases at Salt Lake County jails—the court will liberally allow Defendants to serve these jail sentences—even on DUI cases—via remote monitoring programs. This rule will apply to Defendants who have already pleaded guilty as well as to those who plead guilty during the ongoing Covid-19 emergency.
5. **Public Access to Court Hearings During Covid-19 Emergency.** Our court calendars are publicly available. https://www.utcourts.gov/cal/Just_SALT_LAKE_CITY_1867_Calendar.pdf. Members of the public who would like to access any virtual hearings are directed to contact the court no later than 24 hours prior to a hearing so that the court can arrange for them to access a hearing remotely.

Dated: April 24, 2020

BY THE COURT



Honorable Judge Clemens A. Landau

EXHIBIT A

