

ORDER 31. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC HEARING PROCEDURE

(a) In N.D.Sup.Ct.Admin.O. 25, the Justices of the North Dakota Supreme Court declared a state of emergency statewide for the Judicial Branch due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(b) Additional federal, state and municipal government entities have declared public health emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended limiting contact between individuals. This has resulted in the closure of public facilities, including courthouses.


(c) Because public access to court facilities has been limited, it is hereby ORDERED:

(1) The deadline to hold a hearing on a traffic violation under N.D.C.C. § 39-06.1-03(1) is extended to 150 days.

(2) A hearing on a traffic violation may be conducted using reliable electronic means under N.D.Sup.Ct.Admin.R. 52.

(d) This order is adopted on an emergency basis, effective immediately.

The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota convened this 8th day of April, 2020, with the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, and the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

  
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Petra H. Mandigo Hulm  
Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court