IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

SCREENING FOR SECURITY IN THE KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

19-2-12050-4 SEA

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO MAY 14, 2019 ORDER RE SCREENING FOR SECURITY CLOSING THIRD AVENUE ENTRANCE UNTIL JANUARY 1

This matter comes before the Court to address the safety and security of all individuals who enter and exit the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington. The safety conditions at the Third Avenue entrance to the Courthouse have deteriorated, jeopardizing the public safety of any attempting to enter or leave. This Court receives constant reports of assaults committed against litigants, jurors, attorneys, members of the public and employees. These safety conditions have the effect of discouraging and denying access and therefore justice to all who would seek it from our Court. It discourages jury service.

IT IS ORDERED:

The May 14, 2019 Order re Screening for Security is AMENDED as follows: the Third Avenue entrance to the King County Courthouse in Seattle Washington, will be closed effective Tuesday,

December 3, 2019 7 a.m. through Wednesday, January 1, 2020, excepting for individuals with a disability who reasonably can only access the Courthouse from the Third Avenue entrance.

ENTERED this 2nd day of December, 2019.

Presiding Judge James E. Rogers King County Superior Court