

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Initial Appearance Court

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2021-09

WHEREAS Rule 92, Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court and Supreme Court Administrative Order 2017-79 directs the presiding judge to exercise general administrative supervision over the courts and judges in the county;

WHEREAS Rule 4.1(d), Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, directs the presiding judge to take such steps as are necessary to assure that a magistrate is available every day of the week to hold initial appearances;

WHEREAS Rule 4.1(d) also requires the presiding judge to set at least one fixed time each day for conducting initial appearances, and notify local law enforcement agencies of the fixed time;

WHEREAS by Intergovernmental Agreement all county felony initial appearances and all Consolidated Justice Court and City of Tucson misdemeanor in-custody initial appearances and/or arraignments were consolidated into a single proceeding for the orderly administration of justice;

WHEREAS Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-197 directs the presiding superior court judge of each county to determine how in-person proceedings are to be conducted in each of the county's courtrooms under conditions that protect the health and safety of participants and the public;

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Initial Appearance Court will move from the current physical location of the courtroom in the Minimum Security Facility at 1801 S Mission Rd, Tucson, AZ 85713, to courtroom 1 of the Tucson City Court at 103 E Alameda St, Tucson, AZ 85701.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the hearing times will remain the same with two court sessions per day everyday of the year, the morning session will be start at 9:00 a.m. and the evening session to start at 8:00 p.m..

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all parties (arrestees, counsel, court, and victims) may appear via a video link to be disseminated by the magistrates or if necessary, telephonically. In addition, victims may be present in the courtroom Monday through Friday mornings, following all required COVID-19 precautions and court orders regarding limiting numbers of people in the courtroom.

The effective date of this change is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021,

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KYLE BRYSON  
PRESIDING JUDGE

CC: Ron Overholt, Court Administrator  
Hon. John Peck, Presiding, Ajo Justice Court  
Hon. Ray Carroll, Presiding, Green Valley Justice Court  
Hon. Laine McDonald, Presiding, Marana Municipal Court  
Hon. George Dunscomb, Presiding, Oro Valley Magistrate Court  
Hon. Maria Avilez, Presiding, Sahuarita Municipal Court  
Hon. Darlene Chavira Chavez, Presiding, South Tucson Municipal Court  
Hon. Antonio Riojas, Presiding, Tucson City Court  
Hon. Adam Watters, Pima County Presiding Justice of the Peace  
Community Relations  
Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney  
Dean Brault, Pima County Public Defense Services  
Joel Feinman, Pima County Public Defender  
James Fullin, Pima County Legal Defender  
Verne Hill, Office of Court Appointed Counsel  
Kevin Burke, Pima County Legal Advocate's Office  
Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Tucson Police Department  
Marana Police Department  
Ajo Police Department  
South Tucson Police Department  
Sahuarita Police Department  
Green Valley Police Department  
Oro Valley Police Department  
University of Arizona Police Department  
Pima Community College Police Department  
Pascua Yaqui Police Department  
Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department  
Tucson Airport Authority Police Department  
Arizona Game and Fish Department