



MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS
WEST MESA JUSTICE COURT
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As of March 18th, the West Mesa Justice Court will be continuing all eviction actions, except for immediate and those that involve health and safety concerns. The Arizona Supreme Court's Administrative Order No. 2020-47 (AO) that was just put out gives each court the authority to extend timelines on evictions. All immediate and health and safety evictions will be heard on the day they are calendared. All scheduled eviction actions are being continued to March 30th and March 31st at 8 am. The parties will be notified by phone or mail. In addition, new evictions being filed today and next week will be set for March 30th and March 31st. I believe immediate and health and safety cases could meet the definition of emergency relief and the AO indicates we need to hold proceedings that are necessary to determine emergency relief. However, this court does find good cause to continue regular evictions cases until March 30th, 2020.

The West Mesa Justice Court is not pleased with the process that has been detailed above. I understand it is a frustrating and difficult time for all of us. In light of the Arizona Supreme Court's Administrative Order and the information coming out of the Federal Government, the Arizona State Government and Maricopa County, there is a legal and moral basis for these decisions. The situation is evolving and I will do my absolute best to keep everybody updated. Our priority here at the West Mesa Justice Court is to make sure everybody is safe. These changes only apply to the West Mesa Justice Court, as these decisions are in the discretion of individual judges. Using the authority imbued in me as a judge, I do believe it is the right course of action to take at this time.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaissia B. Sears". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judge Elaissia Sears

"Committed to the timely, fair and impartial administration of justice"