

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL

No. 2020-01

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In light of the ongoing public health crisis arising from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic occurring across the world, and in accordance with the Executive Order issued by Chief Justice Suttell on March 17, 2020, the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal shall take the following actions through April 17, 2020 or until such time a new Administrative Order is issued.

1. Effective March 23, 2020, the court will conduct telephonic conferences of uncontested matters **by Stipulation of the Parties**. The Tribunal will conduct telephonic hearings with Attorneys of Record, Police Prosecutors, and Motorist.
2. The Tribunal will allow the filing of stipulations, consent dispositions, motions for hardship license request, accompanied by interlock, and Rule 26A dismissals for matters deemed urgent. In this regard, the Tribunal will require that all signatures be attested to by Sworn Affidavit.
3. The Tribunal will conduct telephonic hearings relative to all communications in lieu of in court testimony; all attorneys and parties shall also file appropriate notarized Affidavits. All Court Orders will be conducted on the Court Record. All Affidavits and accompanying documents must be e-filed in advance of said hearings.
4. The Chief Magistrate and the Administrative Magistrate will be available to hear matters the parties deem urgent. All parties must contact the Chief Magistrate and Administrative Magistrate to schedule a date and time for all telephonic hearings.
5. With regard to scheduling, the Tribunal will require attorneys to first contact the Chief Magistrates' Clerk to obtain a date and time for a telephonic hearing.

6. All trials shall be continued to a date after April 17, 2020. All appellate arguments shall be continued to a date after April 17, 2020.

Entered as an Administrative Order of this Tribunal, this 19th day of March, 2020

/s/ Domenic A. DiSandro III

Domenic A. DiSandro, III
Chief Magistrate



Dennis Gerstmeyer
Administrator