

NOTICE OF NEW DOCKET TIMES FOR CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

In order for the Court to continue to process its cases in an efficient and timely manner, as well as to assure compliance with current and future public safety mandates, changes have been made to various docket times in the Court's divisions. The new docket times are as follows:

CIVIL COURTROOM A: Beginning July 1, 2020, first returns on cases will be heard Monday through Friday at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m. Uncontested cases will be resolved on the initial return date. Contested cases will be set for a future date on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Civil B. Current high-volume filers have been assigned specific days and times to schedule their cases. Any attorneys filing in Civil A that do not have an assigned day and time should file on their preferred day at 8:30 a.m. Any high-volume filers without an assigned day and time must contact the clerk's office before filing so that an available day and time can be assigned. Attorneys filing in Civil A will be limited to 100 general filings (warrants in debt and detinue, etc.) and 75 garnishments per assigned day and time.

CIVIL COURTROOM B: Beginning August 1, 2020, first returns on warrants, notices of motions for judgment, and garnishments will be heard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. Uncontested matters will be resolved on the initial return date. Contested matters will be scheduled for a future date on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Unlawful detainers will be heard on Tuesdays and the first and third Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Small claims cases will continue to be heard on the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

TRAFFIC COURTROOMS A AND B: Beginning August 1, 2020, cases will be heard daily at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Some law enforcement agencies have begun writing warrants and summonses for return dates in July 2020 with these new docket times. These cases will be heard at the time specified on the charging document.

No changes have been made to the docket times for Criminal Courtrooms 1 and 2, or for Traffic Courtroom C. Cases in Criminal Courtrooms 1 and 2 will continue to be heard daily at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Cases in Traffic Courtroom C will continue to be heard daily at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. **As of July 1, 2020, ASAP violations will be heard Monday through Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in Traffic C.**

No changes have been made to the schedule for bond hearings or arraignments. Felony bond hearings are heard daily at 8:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Misdemeanor bond hearings are heard daily in the courtroom in which the trial is scheduled and at the time scheduled for trial. In-custody arraignments are heard in Traffic Courtroom D at 2:00 p.m. **

(During the current period of judicial emergency ending June 28, 2020, felony bond hearings are at 8:00 a.m., misdemeanor bond hearings are at 9:00 a.m., and in-custody arraignments are at 1:00 p.m. All in Traffic Courtroom D.)**

