

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHANDLER
Maricopa County, State of Arizona

In the Matter of:)	
)	Administrative Order
ADOPTING PRESUMPTIVE)	No. 2024-05
STANDARDS FOR REMOTE AND)	(Replacing Administrative Order
IN-PERSON HEARINGS)	No. 2022-15)
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On February 22, 2022, the Arizona Supreme Court’s COVID-19 Continuity of Court Operations During a Public Health Emergency Workgroup issued a report, *Recommended Remote and In-Person Hearings in Arizona State Courts in the Post-Pandemic World* (“Report”), recommending best practices for expanding technology to conduct remote court proceedings.

WHEREAS on March 24, 2022, the Arizona Judicial Council approved adoption of the Report, which includes recommendations about which hearing types should be held remotely and which should be held in-person.

WHEREAS on April 27, 2022, Arizona Supreme Court issued Administrative Order (AO) 2022-46: *ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN B WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESUMPTIVE STANDARDS FOR REMOTE AND IN-PERSON HEARINGS*, adopting presumptive standards for remote and in-person hearings across Arizona courts.

WHEREAS Arizona Supreme Court AO 2022-46 allow courts to adopt the Presumptive Standards necessary due to local resources, bandwidth, technology hardware, software, staffing, or for good cause, to meet unique needs of the city.

WHEREAS Chandler Municipal Court established a Remote Hearing Task Force comprised of local members of the legal community including prosecution, public defenders, and Chandler Police Department, identifying the presumptive local court standards of remote or in-person hearings.

WHEREAS upon consultation and approval from the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

IT IS ORDERED adopting the presumptive standards of Chandler Municipal Court’s remote and in-person hearings as listed in Attachment A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chandler Municipal Court’s deviation from the Plan B’s Presumptive Standards is necessary due to technology hardware, software, staffing, and unique needs of the city.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon the parties’ requests for good cause, exception will be granted to the presumptive standards. Good cause is more than mere inconvenience.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that court administration work with local resources to assist with the technology barriers that may prevent an individual from appearing remotely.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the presumptive standards will be posted on the court's website no later than 30 days from date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED replacing Chandler Municipal Court Administrative Order 2022-15 with this Order.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2024.

/s/
ALICIA M. SKUPIN
Presiding Judge

Attachment A: Chandler Municipal Court’s Presumptive Standard for Remote or In-Person Hearings.

Chandler Municipal Court Hearing Type	AZ Supreme Court Plan B’ Recommendation Presumption Standards	Chandler Municipal Court’s Presumptive Standards
Initial Appearance	REMOTE	REMOTE
Arraignment	REMOTE	REMOTE
Pre-Trial Conference	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Evidentiary Hearing – No Witness	REMOTE	REMOTE
Status Conference- Witness	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Calendar Call - Witness	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Change of Plea ¹	REMOTE	IN PERSON
Bench Trial – Witness	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Bench Trial-Non-Witness	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Jury Trial	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Sentencing ¹	REMOTE	IN PERSON
OSC	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Prob. Arraignment	REMOTE	REMOTE
Prob. Hearing	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Set Aside Hearing	REMOTE	REMOTE
Remand Sentencing	REMOTE	IN PERSON
Restitution Hearing	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Juvenile PTC	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Juvenile Review	REMOTE	REMOTE
Juvenile Change of Plea	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
PTC- Mental Health	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
PTC-Support Court	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Court Review-MH	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Bond Forfeit Hrg	REMOTE	REMOTE
Protective Order Ex Parte	REMOTE	REMOTE
Protective Order Pre-Issuance	REMOTE	REMOTE
Protective Order Contested	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Protective Order Dismissal	REMOTE	REMOTE
CVTR Hearing	IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Civil Ordinance Appearance	REMOTE	REMOTE
Civil Ord. Hearing	IN PERSON	IN PERSON

1. In-Person Change of Plea/Sentencing does not apply to Telephonic Plea and Plea by Mail pursuant to Rule 17.1, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.