

**LGR 28 JURY SERVICE POSTPONEMENT, EXCUSAL, AND DISQUALIFICATION**

**(b) Delegation of Authority to Postpone, Excuse, or Disqualify.**

(4) The Thurston County Superior Court judges delegate to court administration staff the authority to disqualify, postpone, or excuse a potential juror from jury duty for the reasons stated in this local court rule.

**(c) Grounds for Postponement of Service.**

(3) Court administration staff may postpone jury service as provided in GR 28(c).

(4) For as long as required by Washington Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-697 (Oct. 27, 2022) or other order or rule, court administration staff may postpone jury service for those at higher risk from COVID-19 based on their age or existing health conditions, or those of a household member.

**(d) Grounds for Excusal from Service.**

(2) The following are reasons potential jurors may be granted an excuse from jury duty:

(A) Verified medical condition that prevents jury service.

(B) Jury service within the last year as described in RCW 2.36.100(3) (“at least two weeks of jury service within the preceding twelve months.”).

(C) Sole care provider for dependent family members.

(D) Undue financial hardship, outlined in writing, when a person is not compensated for jury service by an employer, or self-employed persons who would incur financial hardship.

(E) Employee who is indispensable, as documented by employer with employee’s knowledge and agreement, but only if they are unable to be assigned to serve on a short jury trial.

(F) College students may have their jury service postponed to a time when courses are not being conducted.

(G) A showing that excusal from jury service is a public necessity.

(H) The potential juror is 80 years of age or older and attests, on a form provided by the court, that they are unable to serve due to health reasons.

(3) The court may require written documentation to support a request for excusal from jury service. Requests to be excused that are not made before the day of jury service must be referred directly to the judge hearing the case.

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