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CLERK'S ALERT

Non-Parental Custody Cases – Impending Law Change, Early Notice

The current law regarding Non-Parental Custody, RCW 26.10, will no longer be in effect after December 31, 2020.

If you have an active Non-Parental Custody matter pending before the Court, you must conclude your case prior to December 31, 2020; otherwise, your case will be dismissed by the court and you will need to file a new Petition for Minor Guardianship under RCW 11.130.185 et seq.

Please plan to move forward with default orders if appropriate, or participate in alternative dispute resolution to avoid trial and bring the case to resolution soon. If the resolution for this case is likely via trial, and the trial date is scheduled after December 31, 2020, you may bring a motion to accelerate your trial date with your assigned judge.

Effective January 1, 2021, any temporary orders entered in these cases will no longer be valid. Any final orders signed in completed cases will remain in full force and effect.



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