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# CLERK'S ALERT

## **New Ex Parte Housing Commissioner and Calendars**

Effective March 2, 2026, the King County Ex Parte department is adding a Judicial Officer to serve as a Housing Commissioner to hear Residential Unlawful Detainer matters. The Housing Commissioner will only have the authority to hear Residential Unlawful Detainer cases. As a result, the Constitutional Commissioner calendars were restructured, and those changes are effective March 16, 2026. The Ex Parte Notice of Hearing form has been updated to reflect the new calendar dates and times. Please note: the Unlawful Detainer calendars will have a different zoom link from other Ex Parte Calendars. The link is included in the new Note for Hearing.

The Residential Unlawful Detainer First Appearance Show Cause hearings will now be set by location designation; however, the option to appear remotely remains the same. Emergency Unlawful Detainer motions to shorten time and stay will be heard by the Housing Commissioner and court dates must be reserved in advance at: [ex-parte-online-scheduling - King County, Washington](#). Please refer to the Ex Parte website for instructions and requirements to secure a court date. To learn more about the new calendars visit [Hearings - Ex Parte and Probate - King County, Washington](#).