

TEMPORARY HEARINGS

This document is a brief overview of temporary hearings in King and Snohomish Counties.

PURPOSE OF HEARING:

The purpose of a temporary hearing is to temporarily resolve issues between the date of filing a petition and the final court orders.

The court may address and order:

- visitation,
- child support,
- use of property,
- payment of critical debts,
- restraining orders, and other issues

Temporary orders are effective during the pendency of dissolution and terminate upon entry of final orders.

PROCEDURE

Any party may request temporary orders at any time during the action. To start the proceedings, a party must make a motion to the court and serve that motion on the opposing party.

The basic procedure is as follows:

In Clallam County –

- Party A makes a motion and declaration, then sets hearing date on the ninth (9th) day before the hearing date (usually Wednesday) after the motion is filed and served on Party B. Hearings are held on Friday.
- Party B responds to the declaration by 12:00 noon two (2) court* days prior to the hearing date (usually Wednesday).

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- Party A replies to Party B's response 12:00 noon one (1) court days prior to the hearing date.

In King and Snohomish County-

- Party A makes motion and declaration. Party A sets hearing date at least 14 calendar days (12 days in Snohomish County) after the motion is filed and served on Party B.
- Party B responds to the declaration by 12:00 noon 4 court* days prior (5 court days in Snohomish County) to the hearing date.
- Party A replies to Party B's response 12:00 noon 2 court days (3 court days in Snohomish County) prior to the hearing date.

Party A makes the first statement and a reply to Party B's response. Party B makes only a response to Party A's declaration.

WARNINGS

ALWAYS check your local county rules!

http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/?fa=court_rules.local&group=local

Each county has different rules. **Do not rely on King County rules if your case is in another county.**

If you are the party requesting temporary relief, remember time is very limited between the response and reply since there is only two or three COURT days before the hearing, so please be aware that there may be a slight rush.

***court days do not include weekends or holidays. Make sure to check with the clerk about court holidays. For instance, if you set a hearing on Monday, then two days would be Thursday, not Saturday. Four days would be Tuesday, not Thursday.**

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