

BENTON & FRANKLIN COUNTIES SUPERIOR COURT  
JUDICIAL RESOLUTION NO. 14-002  
AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC WARRANT APPLICATIONS  
PILOT PROJECT

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**WHEREAS**, Substitute Senate Bill 6279, Chapter 93 authorizes the courts in this state to consider warrant applications submitted electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, CrR 2.2 2.3 have been amended by the Supreme Court implementing the provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 6279, Chapter 93; and

**WHEREAS**, it is still desirable for the effective, and efficient operation of Benton Franklin Counties Superior Court to create a pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of consideration of electronically submitted warrant applications.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective September 1, 2014, Benton Franklin Counties Superior Court shall accept for consideration warrants submitted electronically as a pilot program subject to the following:

1. **Types of Warrants:** Only non-emergency warrant applications will be submitted electronically initially, but the participating judicial officers can agree at some point to allow emergency warrant applications.
2. **Hours Available:** Electronic warrant applications will be reviewed during business hours. Applications can be submitted any time.
3. **Law Enforcement Agencies:** Only the Richland Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Office will submit electronic warrant application, as a pilot project.
4. **Sworn Testimony:** Applications will be supported by declarations, as authorized under RCW 9A.72.085, rather than sworn affidavits. The Prosecuting Attorneys offices in Benton and Franklin Counties will develop the necessary forms.
5. **Email Address:** Benton County IT has created a single address for all electronic warrant applications. All warrant applications will be sent to [searchwarrants@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:searchwarrants@co.benton.wa.us). Outlook will be configured to automatically forward the emails to the judicial officers participating in the pilot project.
6. **Stale Warrant Applications:** Warrant applications will become stale after 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays. At that expiration of that period, the submitting officer will recall the message in Outlook. The officers can then re-submit it with a new e-mail, call for a telephonic warrant, or travel to the courthouse.
7. **Requests for Clarification:** If further information is necessary, the judicial officer will e-mail the officer requesting clarification, or arrange for a telephone call to discuss the matter. The officer's response must be in the form of a revised signed declaration.

8. **Judicial Officer Participation:** Only those judicial officers that consent to participate will review warrants submitted electronically.
9. **Judicial Officer Duplication of Efforts:** The first judicial officer to read an application must immediately send a message to other judicial officers advising of such. This will prevent two judicial officers from reviewing the same warrant application.
10. **Signing of Warrants:** The judicial officer will not sign a warrant. He/she will authorize the officer to do so on behalf of the judicial officer.
11. **Filing Documents with Clerk:** Every document created in the process, including e-mails, declaration, warrant and return will be filed with the appropriate clerk.
12. **Duration of Pilot Program:** The pilot program shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by further resolution of the Court.



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PRESIDING JUDGE

Dated: 9/12/14



HONORABLE ROBERT G. SWISHER  
ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



HONORABLE CARRIE L. RUNGE

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HONORABLE ALEX C. EKSTROM

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