

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MODIFICATION TO THE  
BAIL SCHEDULE**



EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2020  
ADOPTED BY THE SAN DIEGO SUPERIOR COURT  
AS A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEASURE

Due to the life-threatening COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California has declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. Based on the pandemic, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and encourage vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces. The San Diego County jails are clearly places at high risk during this pandemic because they require the housing of individuals in close quarters.

On March 20, 2020, the Chief Justice of California issued an advisory recommending steps superior courts could take to mitigate the spread of the virus. Courts were “strongly encourage[d]” to “[r]evise, on an emergency basis, the countywide bail schedule to lower bail amounts significantly for the duration of the coronavirus emergency, including lowering the bail amount to \$0 for many lower level offenses – for all misdemeanors except for those listed in Penal Code section 1270.1 and for lower-level felonies. This will result in fewer individuals in county jails thus alleviating some of the pressures for arraignments within 48 hours and preliminary hearings within 10 days.”

Based on the Chief Justice’s advisory, the San Diego District Attorney’s Office, with the concurrence of the San Diego Public Defender’s Office, submitted a request for the modifications set forth below.

Effective immediately, and for the duration of the General Orders of Presiding Judge Lorna A. Alksne relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 San Diego Superior Court Bail Schedule is modified as set forth below. Any provision of the 2020 San Diego Superior Court Bail Schedule not modified by the temporary emergency modifications set forth below remains in full force and effect.

Bail for the following offenses shall be set at zero (\$0):

**Business and Professions Code (BP):**

BP 4324

**Health & Safety Code (HS):**

HS 11173	HS 11358	HS 11368
HS 11350(a)	HS 11359	HS 11377(a)
HS 11355	HS 11360	HS 11550(a)
HS 11357	HS 11364	

**PENAL CODE (PC):**

PC 72	PC 476a(a) & (b)
PC 85	PC 484
PC 86	PC 484e
PC 127	PC 484g
PC 129	PC 484h
PC 132	PC 484j
PC 134	PC 484.1
PC 137	PC 485
PC 138(a)	PC 487
PC 154(b)	PC 487a
PC 156	PC 487e
PC 165	PC 487f
PC 281(a)	PC 487g
PC 284	PC 487h
PC 327	PC 487i
PC 334	PC 487j
PC 337a	PC 488
PC 337b – 337f	PC 496(a)
All PC 337 crimes	PC 496d
PC 350(a)-(b)	PC 594(b)(2)(A) misdemeanor only
PC 415	PC 602
PC 459 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree only (NOT 1 <sup>st</sup> degree or when PC 460 alleged)	PC 647
PC 459.5	

**VEHICLE CODE (VC):**

VC 4463(a)(1) and (2)

VC 10851 (*without* a prior conviction)

VC 12500

VC 20002(a)

VC 21200.5

**WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WI):**

WI 10980

The regular [2020 Bail Schedule](#) is available on the Court's website for reference.