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Justice of the Peace Court Location Changes in September and October

Justice of the Peace Court 20 will close on Sept. 7 and relocate to the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center; Court 10 will close and relocate to the Justice Center on Oct. 10

This fall, two Justice of the Peace Court locations in New Castle County will close their current locations, combine, and move to the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington.

Justice of the Peace Court 20, which since 1988 has been located in the same building as the Wilmington Police Headquarters – the Public Safety Building at 300 North Walnut Street – will close on Sept. 7, 2021 and reopen across the street on Sept. 11, 2021 in the Justice Center. Then on October 4, 2021, Justice of the Peace Court 10, which has been located in the Prices Corner area at 210 Greenbank Road since 1990, will close and move its operations to the Justice Center.

The current Justice of the Peace Court 20 focuses primarily on criminal matters and has a single, large courtroom. Justice of the Peace Court 10 is focused on criminal matters and truancy issues and has two smaller courtrooms.

These moves will consolidate the operations of these two courts into one location, that will be known as Justice of the Peace Court 20, and brings the Justice of the Peace Court into the Justice Center, that is already home to the Court of Chancery, Superior Court, Family Court and the Court of Common Pleas.

The new Justice of the Peace Court 20 courtrooms will be on the Justice Center's newly completed 7th floor and will provide the court with one large courtroom (7A) and three smaller courtrooms (7B, 7C, 7D) meaning a net gain of one courtroom. In addition, Courtroom 7A will become the largest Justice of the Peace Courtroom in the state.

The moves will also provide Justice of the Peace Court staff with new, expanded, and modern office space and equipment, replacing older and in some cases antiquated facilities.

“This is a great development for the Justice of the Peace Court, giving us modern, state of the art courtrooms and office space. This gives us more flexibility and capabilities and since we are co-located in the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center, a more secure environment,” said Chief Magistrate Alan Davis. “By combining these two courts and moving to a central location in the city of Wilmington, I think this is going to be more convenient for all those who use our services. And finally, from a purely aesthetic point of view, I think these are some of the nicest courtrooms in the state,” he said.

**Existing courtrooms in Justice of the Peace Court
10 and 20**



JP 10 Courtroom 1



JP 10 Courtroom 2

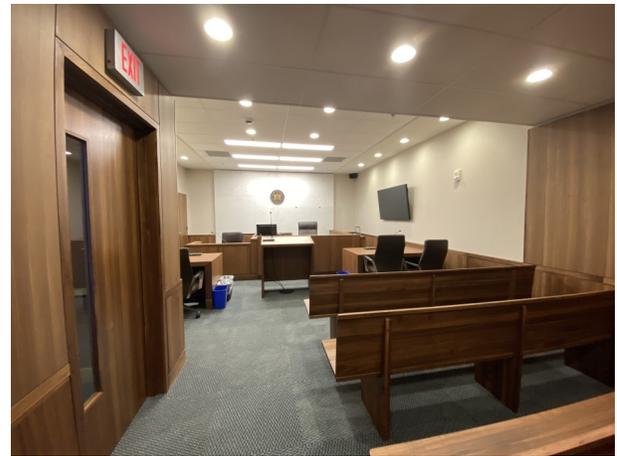


JP 20 Courtroom

**New courtrooms for Justice of the Peace Court in
the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center**



Courtroom 7B



Courtroom 7D



Courtroom 7A