

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

2  
3  
4  
5  
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 JAMES M. BLAIR,

CASE NO. C17-0265-JCC

10 Plaintiff,

ORDER

11 v.

12 CITY OF MERCER ISLAND,

13 Defendant.  
14

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's unopposed<sup>1</sup> motions to continue the  
16 trial date (Dkt. No. 42) and extend the time to file dispositive motions (Dkt. No. 44). Having  
17 thoroughly considered the parties' briefing and the relevant record, the Court GRANTS the  
18 motions for the reasons explained herein.

19 Defendant seeks an additional continuance of the trial date, following a *sua sponte*  
20 continuance by the Court. According to Defendant, counsel is unavailable on the date selected by  
21 the Court, July 30, 2018, and a change of counsel would pose a hardship because of current  
22 counsel's trial preparation to this point. (Dkt. No. 42 at 2-3.) Defendant also seeks an extension  
23 of time to file dispositive motions, based on changes to Plaintiff's alleged causes of action during  
24

25 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff filed untimely responses in opposition to both of Defendant's motions. (*See*  
26 Dkt. Nos. 49, 50) (due March 7, 2018 per Local Rule 7(d)(2) but filed on March 12, 2018). The  
Court considers these untimely responses as an admission that Defendant's motions have merit.  
W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(b)(2).



1 DATED this 14th day of March 2018.

2  
3  
4 

5 John C. Coughenour  
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26