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IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER REGARDING THE RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #21-09	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 22-03

WHEREAS, JCRLV 6.5 allows the Chief Judge to make "such orders as deemed advisable" relating to local court rules and procedure; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus presented concerns regarding public health, and the Court issued a series of administrative orders in order to minimize the risk of transmission associated with in-person contact; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, Governor Steve Sisolak ended the State of Nevada's mask mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports Clark County, Nevada as a medium level of community transmission;

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Justice Court's Customer Service Lobby on the 1st Floor of the RJC has been reopened to the public, and the safety precautions that were outlined in Administrative Order #21-09 are no longer necessary; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, Administrative Order #21-09 is **rescinded**, effective immediately; and

Phase I of the programming for the Las Vegas Justice Court's Online Case Resolution platform (Matterhorn) launched in early November 2021 and currently allows most defendants with traffic citations to resolve their charges by entering a plea of guilty, no contest, or not guilty online.[1] The system also allows defendants to upload documentation, for example, license, registration, or insurance, for the Court's review. Accessing the Court's Online Case Resolution System may be

[1] For purposes of this order, traffic citations that can be handled online are generally those that the Department of Motor Vehicles has assessed four (4) or fewer demerit points unless the court has assigned the case to a criminal department for processing.

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done prior to the date to appear annotated on the traffic citation and is also available for cases that remain unresolved because the date to appear fell during the time period that the customer service lobby was closed or was prior to the launch of the Court's Online Case Resolution platform. Defendants needing assistance with technology or equipment will be provided such assistance at the customer service windows.

Individual defendants choosing not to utilize the Online Case Resolution platform may enter their plea in person on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Additionally. Defendants choosing not to utilize the Online Case Resolution platform who are represented by counsel may file a motion for an arraignment. The traffic arraignment calendars are not staffed by a District Attorney or Special Prosecutor; as such, the only offers to resolve traffic citations will be conveyed in accordance with a matrix provided by the District Attorney and are the same offers that are presented through the Online Case Resolution platform. A bench warrant may issue if a Defendant fails to appear by the appearance date on the citation.[2]

Phase II of the programming for the Online Case Resolution platform creating an attorney portal is entering the testing phase.

Traffic trials resumed on March 14, 2022. Defendants awaiting trial after entering a not guilty plea may experience some delay as the Las Vegas Justice Court continues to have staffing shortages. NRS 178.388 mandates a defendant's presence at trial unless the defendant provides written consent and the court determines the defendant was fully aware of the applicable constitutional rights when the defendant gave consent, in accordance with NRS 178.388(3). As such, notice is hereby provided that a bench warrant may issue if a defendant fails to appear at trial.[3]

Dated this 25th day of March, 2022.

Melissa A Saragosa

Melissa Saragosa,
Chief Justice of the Peace

[2] This provision will terminate upon the January 1, 2023 effective date of Assembly Bill 116 passed in the 81st (2021) Legislative Session for civil traffic infraction citations.

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