

1 JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP

2 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 2022 MAR 29 A 10: 16

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4 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER  
5 REGARDING THE RESCISSION OF  
6 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #21-09  
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JUSTICE COURT  
LAS VEGAS NEVADA  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER # 22-03

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

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

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

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

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

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, Administrative Order #21-09 is rescinded, effective  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

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

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28 <sup>1</sup> 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.

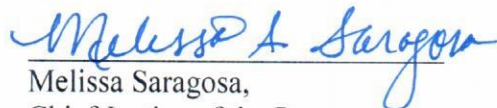
1 done prior to the date to appear annotated on the traffic citation and is also available for cases that  
2 remain unresolved because the date to appear fell during the time period that the customer service  
3 lobby was closed or was prior to the launch of the Court's Online Case Resolution platform.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

6 Individual defendants choosing not to utilize the Online Case Resolution platform may enter  
7 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.  
8 Additionally, Defendants choosing not to utilize the Online Case Resolution platform who are  
9 represented by counsel may file a motion for an arraignment. The traffic arraignment calendars are  
10 not staffed by a District Attorney or Special Prosecutor; as such, the only offers to resolve traffic  
11 citations will be conveyed in accordance with a matrix provided by the District Attorney and are the  
12 same offers that are presented through the Online Case Resolution platform. A bench warrant may  
13 issue if a Defendant fails to appear by the appearance date on the citation.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

22 Dated this 25th day of March, 2022.

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24 Melissa Saragosa,  
25 Chief Justice of the Peace

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27 <sup>2</sup> This provision will terminate upon the January 1, 2023 effective date of Assembly Bill 116 passed in the 81<sup>st</sup> (2021)  
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