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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RENO
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

RENO MUNICIPAL COURT

By: CMCTIER

IN THE MATTER OF)
The Reno Municipal Court's)
Standing Order Accepting Transfer of)
Jurisdiction of Cases to)
Community Court)
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Administrative Order: 2024-02

WHEREAS, The Reno Municipal Community Court (Community Court) was established in 2019 as an innovative way to connect unhoused individuals with social service providers using the justice system as a backdrop, and

WHEREAS, Community Court is designed and created to assist those experiencing homelessness in Washoe County to connect with service providers as a way of ending the cycle of homelessness by creating sustainable solutions, and

WHEREAS, Community Court holds court each Wednesday morning at the Downtown Washoe County Library, where as many as twenty-five (25) providers from the community gather prepared to offer immediate, on-site services to those scheduled to appear for court, and

WHEREAS, rates of failing to appear for those who are unhoused and/or unsheltered at traditional court have historically been high, due, in part to the lag time between citation and court appearance, and

WHEREAS, participants who currently attend Community Court are cited directly into Community Court by way of a citation issued by the Reno Police Department and/or the Reno Park Rangers requiring participants to attend the Wednesday following the day the citation was issued to reduce the time between citation and court appearance, and

1 **WHEREAS**, directly citing participants into Community Court instead of first citing into
2 traditional court avoids delay in delivery of services and reduces the likelihood of failing to appear,
3 and,

4 **WHEREAS**, The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office maintains jurisdiction to cite or arrest
5 individuals violating laws both on county-owned property within the City of Reno, and in the outlying
6 areas of Washoe County, and

7 **WHEREAS**, Community Court is set up to accept “direct citations” by law enforcement,
8 allowing individuals to be directly cited into Community Court, and

9 **WHEREAS**, Washoe County recently promulgated an ordinance prohibiting, among other
10 acts, camping on county owned land within 1000 feet of the Truckee River, or public place within
11 unincorporated Washoe County limits, and the use of a motor vehicle for habitation on county owned
12 property or public space, and

13 **WHEREAS**, many of those cited with these or similar violations of law may be in need of and
14 benefit from the services offered at Community Court, and

15 **WHEREAS**, those committing these violations would normally be cited into the appropriate
16 Justice Court maintaining jurisdiction over these violations, and

17 **WHEREAS**, NRS 4.3713 allows justice courts to transfer jurisdiction of a criminal case to a
18 municipal court where the criminal conduct occurred outside the limits of the township where the
19 court is located and where such transfer is necessary to promote access to justice for the defendant,
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, the customary transfer process of first citing individuals into Justice Court, then
22 transferring jurisdiction to Community Court to allow defendants to avail themselves to services
23 would cause a delay in access to those services, and

24 **WHEREAS**, the jurisdictional transfer becomes effective after a notice of acceptance is
25 returned to the transferring court by the municipal court accepting the transfer, and

1 **WHEREAS**, that at such time as the Reno Justice Court and/or Sparks Justice Court adopts an
2 order authorizing cases occurring within the City, but on county-owned property, and/or in the
3 outlying areas of the County, and which are cited into Community Court, to be automatically
4 transferred to Community Court via NRS. 4.3713 for those who would benefit from the services
5 offered at Community Court, and

6 **WHEREAS**, those cases transferred from either Reno Justice Court or Sparks Justice Court
7 shall be considered for pre-prosecution diversion pursuant to NRS 174.031 through NRS 174.034, and
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9 **WHEREAS**, anyone charged with a Community Court Eligible Crime as listed in Ex. 1 and
10 who is directly cited into Community Court through the process outlined in this Administrative Order,
11 may invoke his/her right to tender a plea of “Not Guilty” and proceed to trial in lieu of actively
12 participating in Community Court,

13 **WHEREAS**, anyone wishing to proceed to trial on their charge(s) will be given a date to
14 return to the court of originating jurisdiction to be formally arraigned, and

15 **WHEREAS**, those cases eligible for transfer to Community Court include, but are not limited
16 to those charges identified in Exhibit 1: “RMC Community Court Eligible Violations,” **NOW**
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18 **THEREFORE**

19 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** and **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all cases directly cited
20 into Community Court through the process described in this Order shall be accepted into Community
21 Court under this **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ACCEPTING TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION TO**
22 **COMMUNITY COURT** pursuant to NRS 4.3713(3).

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED**

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25 DATED this 31st day of December, 2024.


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28 Chief Judge Reno Municipal Court

EXHIBIT 1

RMC Community Court Eligible Violations							
Muni Code/NRS	NOC	CIVIL NOC	Description	Base Fine - no amount listed if charge is mandatory	Mandatory	Current Offense Type	Type of offense as of Jan, 2023
484B.283.1D	53764	63469	Pedestrian Fail to Obey Colored Lights/Lighted Arrows	58		Criminal	Civil
484B.287	53812	65829	Pedestrian Crossing at Other Than Crosswalk	58		Civil	Civil
6.06.745	56520	65831	Pedestrians shall yield to vehicles when not in crosswalk	58		Criminal	Civil
484B.293	53814	63603	Pedestrian Use Right Half of Crosswalk	58		Criminal	Civil
6.06.730	60653	64348	Pedestrian Obey Traffic Control Signal	58		Criminal	Civil
6.06.740	60524	63824	Pedestrian Fail to Cross Roadway at Right Angle	58		Criminal	Civil
6.06.735B	60520	62820	Pedestrian Not to Suddenly Leave Curb	58		Criminal	Civil
6.06.735D2	56486	65304	Pedestrian FTO Don't Walk Signal	58		Criminal	Civil
6.06.755E	61124	63731	No Person Shall Stop, Stand, or Remain in a Traffic Island or Median not Designated	68		Criminal	Civil
6.18.060	56589	64266	Viol Misd Traffic Laws by Bicycle Rider	58		Criminal	Civil
6.18.110A	56590	63921	Ride Bicycle on Sidewalk Where Prohibited	23		Criminal	Civil
6.18.140	56588	64257	Bicycle Lamp/Reflector/Brake Equipment Violation NOC	28		Criminal	Civil
6.18.120	56516	65369	Careless Operation of Bicycle	58		Criminal	Civil

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484B.297.2	53816		Pedestrian Failure to use Left Side of Roadway when no Crosswalk	58			Criminal	Criminal
6.06.755B	56523		Pedestrian/Rider Fail to Travel on Left Side of Road if no Sidewalk	58			Criminal	Criminal
484B.297.3	53818		Solicit Contribution from Vehicle by Pedestrian	93			Criminal	Criminal
484B.2974	53819		Intoxicated Pedestrian on Road	58			Criminal	Criminal
6.06.755D	56525		Intox Pedestrian/ Animal Rider on Road	58			Criminal	Criminal
484B.2971	53815		Pedestrian Fail to Walk/Ride on Sidewalk	100			Criminal	Criminal
206.140	50887		Nuisance in Building; Trespass Upon Grounds: Disturbing Assembly	-		X	Criminal	Criminal
207.200	53166		Trespass, Not Amounting to Burglary	388			Criminal	Criminal
8.10.010	56470		Trespassing	208			Criminal	Criminal
8.12.018	56435		Urinating / Defecating In Public	-		X	Criminal	Criminal
205.445.2B	62022		Defraud Proprietor to Obtain Food, Lodging, Merch, Credit or Other, Value Less than \$1200	-		X	Criminal	Criminal
8.12.033	56425		Drinking/Possessing Open Container of Alcohol in Public	58			Criminal	Criminal
8.12.0.35	58760		Drinking or Possessing Open Container During Special Event	100			Criminal	Criminal
8.30.040	55672		Unlawful Solicitation Of Money / Goods / Services	93			Criminal	Criminal
8.30.045	56869		Aggressive Solicitation in a Public Place	93			Criminal	Criminal
8.12.015	56454		Sit / Lie On Public Sidewalk Restricted Place	68			Criminal	Criminal
8.12.012	57140		Sitting/Lying Prohibited	68			Criminal	Criminal

1	8.12.030	55671	Camping on Public Property on Truckee River Corridor	58		Criminal	Criminal
2	8.23.065	58337	Remain in Park in Violation of Park Hours	388		Criminal	Criminal
3	8.23.090	56440	Camp in Park without Permit	58		Criminal	Criminal
4	10.08.020	56427	Unlawful Dumping of Garbage, Rubbish and Waste Matter	93		Criminal	Criminal

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the Reno Municipal Court, Reno, Nevada, and that on this date I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**, on the party(ies) set forth below:

Placing said document in a sealed envelope placed for collecting and mailing in the United States mail, at Reno, Nevada, postage prepaid, following ordinary business practices.

Facsimile (FAX).

Reno/Carson Messenger Service.

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Inner-office mail following ordinary business practices.

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DATED this 31st day of December, 2024.

Cynthia McTier
