

County Court
LOGAN County, Colorado
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Administrative Order 17-001

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE COMBINED COURTS OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES IN MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE AND TRAFFIC INFRACTION CASES

THE COURT CONCLUDES that, pursuant to section 13-6-212(2), C.R.S., the Chief Judge of a Judicial District, upon approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, may authorize the clerk of the County Court to:

- A. Under the direction of a Judge, grant continuances, set motions for hearings and set final hearings.
- B. With the consent of the defendant, accept pleas of guilty and admissions of liability and impose penalties pursuant to a schedule approved by the presiding Judge in misdemeanor traffic and traffic infraction cases involving the regulation of vehicles and traffic for which the penalty specified in section 42-4-1701, C.R.S. or elsewhere in Articles 2 to 4 of Title 42, C.R.S., in each case is less than \$300.00. In no case shall the clerk levy a fine for an amount of \$300.00 or more nor sentence any person to jail. See section 13-6-212(2)(f), C.R.S.

THE COURT FINDS as follows:


1. Justice requires Courts to operate more efficiently in Traffic infraction matters for violations of misdemeanor traffic and traffic infractions cases.
2. Efficient case management requires setting Final Hearings for such cases in an efficient and expedited manner.
3. Due to the case load and a part time status of the Judge in Logan County, the Court Judicial Assistants of that Court, under the direction of the Clerk of Court, have the greater capacity to promptly and efficiently process such cases at the First Hearing and/or Arraignment than does a Judicial Officer, and to perform the duties allowed under § 13-6-212(2), C.R.S. as set forth above pursuant to a fixed schedule.
4. The presiding Judge of Logan County Court has:
 - a. Approved as the penalty schedule for penalties to be imposed by the Clerks, the penalties as set forth in the original penalty assessment which is determined by section 42-4-1701, C.R.S., as currently adopted, and as may be amended from time to time, or elsewhere in articles 2 to 4 of Title 42, C.R.S. in misdemeanor traffic and traffic infraction offenses involving the regulation of vehicles and traffic.
 - b. Assigned similar duties and powers as contained herein to the Logan County Court Clerk, pursuant to §13-6-212(1), C.R.S.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to §13-6-212(2), C.R.S. the Clerk of the Combined Courts of the 13th Judicial District, of the Logan County Court, and any Court Judicial Assistant designated thereunder, is hereby **ASSIGNED AND AUTHORIZED**, in all misdemeanor traffic offenses and traffic infraction cases involving the regulation of vehicles and traffic for which the penalty specified in § 42-4-1701, C.R.S., or elsewhere in Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Title 42, C.R.S., with fines or penalty assessments of less than \$300.00 as follows:

- a. To advise defendants of their procedural and constitutional rights, pursuant to Rule 7 of the Colorado Rules of Traffic Infractions;
- b. Accept pleas of not guilty or denials of liability in such cases, and set dates for Final Hearings.
- c. With the consent of the defendant, accept pleas of guilty and admissions and impose penalties pursuant to the schedule approved by the presiding Judge. However, the Clerk shall not levy a fine of \$300.00 or more nor sentence any person to jail.


THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER BECOMES EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNATURE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE JUDGES LISTED BELOW.

APPROVED this 25th day of January, 2017



Michael K. Singer
Chief Judge, 13th Judicial District

APPROVED this 25th day of January, 2017



Ray Ann Brammer
Logan County Judge

APPROVED this 7 day of ~~January~~ ^{February}, 2017



Nancy E. Rice
Chief Justice
Colorado Supreme Court