



**Superior Court of California  
County of Fresno**

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**NOTICE**

**Emergency Infraction Rules in Response to COVID-19**

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**RULE 3.7 EMERGENCY INFRACTION RULES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**3.7.1 Clerk's Authority To Grant Extensions**

Effective immediately, in all infraction cases, when a defendant submits a request for an extension prior to the due date, Court staff is authorized to grant: one seventy-five (75) day extension for the initial payment of fines; one seventy-five (75) day extension once monthly payments have been established; and one request to change the specific day of the month that the monthly payment is due. This authority is in addition to the authority granted to Court staff in Standing Order 20-0701. Any requests for additional extensions shall be made to a judicial officer. This rule shall remain in effect until ninety (90) days after the Governor declares the end of the State of Emergency for California as a result of Covid-19. (Effective June 5, 2020, New)

**3.7.2 Remote Arraignment Hearings**

A. Effective August 3, 2020, pursuant to the March 23, 2020, and March 30, 2020 orders of the Chief Justice of California, for the safety of all parties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, arraignment hearings on alleged infraction violations may be conducted remotely until further notice. Infraction arraignment hearings which are conducted remotely will be heard by videoconference/phone, using Zoom, and live-streamed on the Fresno Superior Court's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1QI1GyLuShmXKOhqJbxgqQ>. Appearance by Zoom is free. Instructions for how to attend a hearing remotely by Zoom can be found at <http://www.fresno.courts.ca.gov/traffic/>. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Traffic Department at (559) 457-1700, by fax at (559) 457-1710 or by email at [Infodeskrim@fresno.courts.ca.gov](mailto:Infodeskrim@fresno.courts.ca.gov). Any person wishing to appear remotely, but lacking internet access, may request to appear by phone by calling the phone number that will be provided in the Notice of Calendar Setting.

B. Judges and court staff will appear remotely. Defendants and attorneys may continue to appear in person at the courthouse; others may not be admitted to the courthouse. However, the Court strongly encourages everyone to participate remotely.

C. Any defendant or attorney who is requesting to attend remotely must notify the Traffic Department at least three (3) court days before the scheduled arraignment

date. Failure to comply with this notice requirement may result in the request for a remote appearance being denied or the arraignment being rescheduled.

D. Any documents to be considered at the remote arraignment hearing must be filed with the Court at least two (2) court days before the scheduled arraignment date. Failure to timely file documents with the Court may result in the arraignment being continued and/or the documents not being considered. (Effective August 10, 2020, New)

### **3.7.3 Remote Court Trials**

A. Effective June 15, 2020, pursuant to the March 23, 2020, and March 30, 2020, orders of the Chief Justice of California, for the safety of all parties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, courts trials on alleged infraction violations may be conducted remotely until further notice. Infraction court trials which are conducted remotely will be heard by videoconference/phone, using Zoom, and live-streamed on the Fresno Superior Court's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1QI1GyLuShmXKOhqJbxgqQ>. Appearance by Zoom is free. Instructions for how to attend a hearing remotely by Zoom can be found at <http://www.fresno.courts.ca.gov/traffic/>. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Traffic Department at (559) 457-1700, by fax at (559) 457-1710 or by email at [Infodeskrim@fresno.courts.ca.gov](mailto:Infodeskrim@fresno.courts.ca.gov). Any person wishing to appear remotely, but lacking internet access, may request to appear by phone by calling the phone number that will be provided in the Notice of Calendar Setting.

B. Judges and court staff will appear remotely. Defendants, attorneys, and witnesses may continue to appear in person at the courthouse; others may not be admitted to the courthouse. However, the Court strongly encourages everyone to participate remotely.

C. Any defendant, defense witness or attorney who is requesting to attend remotely must notify the Traffic Department at least 3 court days before the scheduled trial date. Failure to comply with this notice requirement may result in the request for a remote appearance being denied or the trial being rescheduled.

D. Any evidence to be considered at the remote trial must be filed with the Court at least 2 court days before the scheduled trial date. Failure to timely file evidence with the Court may result in the court trial being continued and/or the evidence not being considered. (Effective June 15, 2020, New)