

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-019 PI-CTY

**RE: PINELLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT – AMENDED ASSIGNMENT OF
MISDEMEANOR NOTICE TO APPEAR AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

In order to modify the assignment of misdemeanor Notices to Appear (NTA) and County and Local Ordinance violations, it is hereby

ORDERED:

1. Misdemeanor Notice to Appear (NTA) cases that do not involve the Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion program shall be divided into Sections E, F, G, H, and L, and will include arraignment hearings on Notices to Appear. The section Judicial Assistants will set NTAs in the respective sections.

2. Local Ordinance Violations and non-criminal payable infractions will remain in Section P. County ordinance violations other than violations filed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office shall be heard on a Wednesday calendar at 1:30 p.m. Municipal ordinance violations and county ordinance violations filed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office shall be heard on a Thursday calendar at 1:30 p.m.

3. All law enforcement or code enforcement officers in Pinellas County who issue Notices to Appear are directed to:

a. Issue NTAs for misdemeanor violations returnable to Pinellas County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, Florida 33762.

b. Issue NTAs for local ordinance violations or non-criminal payable infractions returnable to Courtroom 16, Pinellas County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, Florida 33762. Notices for county violations, unless the violation is issued by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, shall be returnable at 1:30 p.m. on the fifth Wednesday following issuance. Notices for municipal violations and county violations filed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office shall be returnable at 1:30 p.m. on the fifth Thursday following issuance. Non-criminal payable infractions shall be returnable at 3:00 p.m. on the fifth Wednesday or Thursday following issuance.

c. Provide copies of the NTAs to the Clerk of the Circuit Court within 72 hours of the date the notices are issued.

4. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall:

a. Assign NTAs among Sections E, F, G, H, and L of the county criminal court based on whether the defendant has any pending cases in misdemeanor court. If not, the Clerk's Office shall assign the case to the most recent section the defendant has been assigned. If the defendant has no previous assigned section, the Clerk's Office shall assign new cases

on an equal, at random, blind assignment basis.

Administrative Order No. 2018-067 is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this
_____ day of August, 2020.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON AUGUST 7, 2020
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
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Captain Maurice Hensley, Florida Highway Patrol, Pinellas Park District Commander
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Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Local Code Enforcement Officers
Court Security
Bar Associations, Pasco and Pinellas Counties
Law Libraries, Pasco and Pinellas Counties