

District Court, Weld County, State of Colorado Court Address: 901 9 th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2038, Greeley, CO 80632-2038	
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2022-09	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
	Case Number: 2022 CV 01 Division 1
ORDER DESIGNATING ALL 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND COUNTY COURT JUDGES AS COUNTY COURT MAGISTRATES TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL INFRACTION MATTERS	

The Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 21-271 on June 25, 2021, which was signed into law by Governor Polis on July 6, 2021. This bill made significant changes to the classification of certain offenses, including removing Class 3 misdemeanors for offenses committed after March 1, 2022, C.R.S. §18-1.3-501(1)(a.5), and adding a new classification of civil infraction for certain offenses classified by statute as a civil infraction. C.R.S. §18-1.3-503(1.6)(a).

The procedures for adjudication of civil infractions are set forth at C.R.S. §16-2.3-105, and such adjudication must be held before a county court magistrate or a county court judge acting as a magistrate. Pursuant to my authority as chief judge of the 19th Judicial District, I hereby appoint and designate all full and part-time magistrates of the 19th Judicial District to preside over civil infractions as a county court magistrate, and further clarify that all Weld County Court Judges are authorized to act as a magistrate to preside over civil infraction matters.

If the charging document includes a crime and a civil infraction, all charges must be returnable before a judge or magistrate who has jurisdiction over the crime. C.R.S. §16-2.3-105(1). Under C.R.S. §16-2.3-105(2), “when a court of competent jurisdiction determines that a person charged with a misdemeanor or petty offense is

guilty of a lesser included offense that is a civil infraction, the court may enter a judgment as to the lesser included offense.”

Dated: August 31, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



James F. Hartmann
Chief Judge, 19th Judicial District