Sparks Justice Court

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF SPARKS TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF

REMOTE APPEARANCES AT THE

SPARKS JUSTICE COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-05

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, prior Administrative Orders closed the courthouse to the public and limited court proceedings to remote Zoom trials and hearings;

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, Governor Steve Sisolak signed Emergency Directive 52, which updated the mask and face-covering requirements for the State of Nevada to align with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC");

WHEREAS on March 1, 2022, The Sparks Justice Court issued an administrative order opening the Court to the public and setting an in-person and remote appearance policy;

WHEREAS the Court has found that the policy is no longer efficient due to case delays, courtroom delays, and technological difficulties;

WHEREAS the Court strives to continuously adapt to perform efficiently and the Chief Judge of the Sparks Justice Court has the authority, pursuant to NRS 4.157(c), to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the Court.

AND GOOD CAUSE BEING SHOWN,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Administrative Order 2022-02 is rescinded by this Order effective September 15, 2023.

- 2. Hereinafter the Court will post the remote and in-person appearance policy on the Court's website for public access.
- 3. Remote appearance links will no longer be posted on the Court's website for any hearing other than weekend bail hearings.

This Administrative Order 2023-05 shall stay in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Sparks Justice Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this $\frac{4}{5}$ day of September 2023.

Chief Judge Kevin Higgins

Justice of the Peace