

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN**

**GENERAL ORDER
2024-01**

REMOTE APPEARANCES IN TRAFFIC COURT TRIALS

This General Order is adopted pursuant to Penal Code § 1428.5(a) and as an amendment to Local Rule of Court 6.2(B). Local Rule of Court 6.2(B) is amended to allow remote appearances in Traffic Court Trials:

B. TRAFFIC INFRACTION CASES.

Notwithstanding any other law, Penal Code § 1428.5(a) provides the Court authority to conduct remote proceedings, including arraignments and trials, for all infractions.

This rule does not apply to Misdemeanor or Felony traffic related cases. See Rule 6.2(C) for remote appearance rules covering those proceedings.

The Court generally allows remote appearances in Traffic Infraction cases without judicial approval. This includes Traffic Court Trials:

(1) ARRAIGNMENTS

Defendants who wish to remotely appear for their traffic arraignment must submit the electronic Traffic Calendar Add-On Request form located on the Zoom Appearance page of the court's website www.Lassen.Courts.CA.gov no later than the Friday before their appearance date. Submission of this form will indicate to the court your intention to appear remotely for your traffic arraignment pursuant to Penal Code § 1428.5(a)(1) and will place your matter on calendar.

(2) FURTHER PROCEEDINGS & COURT TRIALS

Defendants who have a mandatory appearance date or prior scheduled further proceedings or Traffic Court Trial may appear remotely. Connection details and additional instructions for Traffic Court Trial and Further Proceeding Remote Appearances are located on the Zoom appearance page of the Court's website www.Lassen.Courts.CA.gov.

a. OFFICER AND OTHER PARTY APPEARANCES

The Defendant's consent is required to conduct traffic proceedings remotely (*PC § 1428.5(a)(1)*), officers or other parties intending to appear remotely must inform the Court of their intention to do so. Additionally, notice of such

must be served on all other parties to the proceeding. This request can be submitted using Judicial Council form *RA-010*. A defendant may oppose this request by filing Judicial Council form *RA-015* with the court and serving all parties. For the purposes of this rule, service and filing requirements and deadlines will follow those outlined in the California Rules of Court § 3.672(h).

If a defendant and retained counsel appear from different locations, it is the defendant and counsel's responsibility to set up a private line of communication during the hearing; the court is not obligated to provide one.

The Local Rules of Court revisions made by way of this General Order will be implemented into the Local Rules of Court, effective July 1, 2024. At such time this General Order shall be revoked and rescinded.

Dated: 2-6-24



Honorable Mark Narreau
Presiding Judge of the Lassen Superior Court