VIRGINIA: IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CAROLINE STANDING ORDER REGARDING PAYMENT AGREEMENTS FOR FINES AND COSTS IN TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CASES

It appearing to the Court that there is a need for uniform practices regarding payment agreements in traffic and criminal cases, it is therefore,

ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 1:24 of the Supreme Court of Virginia that the following rules shall apply to all payment agreements:

- All fines, court costs, forfeitures, penalties and/or restitution (herein collectively referred to
 as "fines and costs") are due and payable in full on the day if court. A defendant who is
 unable to pay all fines and costs on the day of court shall sign a Form DC-210
 (Acknowledgement of Suspension or Revocation of Driver's License) in which the defendant
 acknowledges that if the defendant's fines and costs are not paid in full within 90 days of
 trial their case will be referred for collection enforcement.
- 2. If a defendant is unable to pay, in full, all fines and cost within 90 days of trial, the defendant may apply at the clerk's office to enter into the following agreement:

<u>Deferred Payment Agreement:</u> If payment in full is not paid by the end of the 90 days the defendant can request a one-time extension. The clerk's office will extend the time to pay by one year from the end of the 90 days if \$500 or less is owed and two years from the end of the 90 days if \$501 or more is owed. The fines and cost are to be paid within that year. Requests for the extension can be made by phone, in person, and by mail.

- 3. Fines and cost for all cases on the same court date will be combined into one extension, unless otherwise ordered by the court in specific cases.
- 4. When available, a defendant may request that the court authorize community service in lieu of payments of fines and/or costs. Community service is not authorized for payment of restitution. Each hour of community service shall be deemed payment in the amount of one hour's current minimum wage. The court shall set the number of community service that must be performed and date of completion. Community service must be supervised by a local non-profit organization and written verification of hours worked must be provided by the supervising authority to the court.
- 5. If fines and cost are not paid within the year extension that is given deferred interest will be added on the account. Defendants may also be subject to collection action to recover the outstanding balance.
- 6. The Court delegates to the Clerk's Office in Caroline General District Court the authority to enter into individual deferred payment agreements in accordance with this order.

- 7. A defendant who enters into a deferred payment agreement shall promptly inform the court of any change of mailing address during the term of agreement.
- 8. SOCIAL SECURITY EXEMPTIONS if a defendant is convicted and qualifies for this exemption and the only source of income is social security or supplemental security income that defendant is exempt. Upon conviction, the defendant is to notify the Court in person or in writing of their financial status from paying fines and cost. This account will not be sent to collections and interest will not accrue while this is the only source of income for the defendant. If another source of income becomes available, the defendant is to contact the clerk's office and enter into a payment agreement. RESTITUTION us NEVER exempt and must be paid as ordered by the Court. Failure to pay restitution in a timely manner will result in the account being sent to collections.

ENTERED, the 16th day of April, 2025:

Jane M. Reynolds Judge, 15th Judicial District

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall, upon conviction in any case in which the court appointed counsel or the defendant is represented by court appointed attorney, automatically assess the maximum fee allowed by the statute as costs to the defendant for the court appointed attorney. This fee/cost shall be amended, if necessary, upon receipt of the court appointed fee voucher or timesheet as submitted by counsel.

ENTERED, This 16th day of April 2025

Jane M. Reynolds

Judge, 15th Judicial District