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VIRGINIA:

IN THE TAZEWELL GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFERRED PAYMENT OR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT** VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 19.2-354 AND 19.2-358

Persons with outstanding fines and costs may petition the Court for a deferred or installment pay agreement.

Fines, costs and/or penalties as a result of a criminal or traffic offense will be due within 90 days as allowable by statute.

A one-time fee of \$10.00 will be assessed upon signing the time to pay agreement beyond 90 days after sentencing, providing however, that the fee has not already been assessed.

A down payment for any time to pay agreement when the amount owed is less than \$500.00 or less shall be 10% of the amount due; OR when the amount owed is more than \$500.00, the down payment shall be 5% of the amount due of \$50.00, whichever is greater.

interest will not accrue during the time such agreement is in effect and where such plan is not in default.

In lieu of payment for fines and costs, all or a portion of current fines and costs and delinquent accounts may be satisfied by performing community service.

Defendants with unpaid fines and costs in more than one court shall be required to pay or establish time to pay agreement unless otherwise ordered by the Court in specific cases.

Payment agreements shall not include accounts that are more than 10 years old.

The Court must receive a payment each month, preferably on the same day each month. Any payment made within 10 days of the due date shall be considered a timely payment. The court will not send reminder notices in the mail.

The defendant shall promptly inform the Court of any change in mailing address during the term of the agreement.

As of July 1, 2024, In any case in which a defendant owes fines and costs and where such defendant's sole financial resource is a Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income, then such defendant shall be exempt from making payments at least until such time that such defendant has a resource other than a Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income. If such defendant informs the court that his sole financial resource is a Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income, the case shall not be referred to collections pursuant to 19.2-349. No payment toward fines and costs shall be taken from such exempt resource. No Social Security benefit or Supplemental Security Income shall be considered an available resource in determining the length of time to pay under a deferred, or installment payment agreement and the amount of payments, if any, pursuant to 19.2-354.1, subsection D.

George R. Brittain, II, Chief Judge Tazewell General District Court