

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AMENDING THE HEARING OFFICER AUTHORITY
TO ALLOW HEARING OFFICERS TO REDUCE OR WAIVE SURCHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officers in Ramsey County have the authority from the Second Judicial District Court to hear payable parking, petty misdemeanor, and payable misdemeanor violations and offenses, and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officers establish payment schedules for fines, fees, and/or restitution, and

WHEREAS, at the First Special Session 2021, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statute § 357.021, subd. 6, and authorized the court to reduce or waive surcharges upon a finding of indigency or undue hardship,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Hearing Officers have the authority to reduce or waive the criminal, traffic, or vehicle surcharge pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 357.021, subd. 6(b).
2. A reduction or waiver of any surcharge must be preceded by a showing of indigency or undue hardship.
3. The Hearing Officer Authority document will be updated to reflect this change in authority.
4. This Order does not apply to law library fees.
5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by statute or further order of this court.

Dated: July 27, 2022

BY THE COURT:

Castro,
Leonardo
(Judge)



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Chief Judge
Second Judicial District