

**Standing Order on the Temporary Reinstatement of Driving Privileges  
and License Plates in Implied Consent Cases**

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Whereas, in the interest of public safety and the timely and effective resolution of cases, the Fourth Judicial district strives to expedite the processing of alcohol-related traffic offenses;

Now, therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED**

1. A Petition for Judicial Review under Minn. Stat. § 169A.53, subd. 2 (“implied consent petition”) filed in Hennepin County by an attorney shall be eFiled in the Hennepin Civil division of the district court. Attorneys shall add themselves on the eService list for that case as soon as possible.
2. Unless a petitioner demands a hearing within sixty days, the hearing on an implied consent petition under Minn. Stat. § 169A.53, subd. 3 (hereinafter “implied consent hearing”) will not be scheduled until the related criminal case is resolved. When no criminal case has issued within thirty (30) days after the implied consent petition is filed, an implied consent hearing may be scheduled at the request of a party or court administration.
3. When an implied consent petition is eFiled with the Court, the Court will eFile and eServe on petitioner a letter that advises the petitioner of the procedure to request a temporary reinstatement of driving privileges pending resolution of the criminal case.
4. The Court has no authority to reinstate commercial drivers’ licenses, and procedures set forth in this order do not apply to those licenses.
5. The procedure to request a temporary reinstatement of driving privileges shall be as follows:
  - a. Petitioner shall prepare a letter addressed to the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District requesting that the balance of petitioner’s

driver's license revocation and license plate impoundment periods be stayed until the resolution of the implied consent case. This letter must include petitioner's full name, date of birth, implied consent court file number, driver's license number, and license plate number(s) if applicable. Petitioners who are not represented by an attorney may send the letter by U.S. Mail to the Chief Judge at the following address: 12-C Government Center, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487. Attorneys shall use the procedures specified below for filing and service.

- b. Attorneys shall eFile the letter using the "Correspondence" filing code and typing "Request for Temporary Reinstatement of DL and/or Plates" in the Filing Description field of the eFiling system. The applicable motion fee for a letter requesting temporary reinstatement of a driver's license or license plates is hereby waived.
  - c. Attorneys shall use the "Courtesy Copies" function of the eFiling system to serve a copy of the request on the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District using the chambers email address of the Chief Judge published on mncourts.gov. Copies should not be sent by email.
  - d. A request will not be processed until petitioner's driver's license record reflects the implied consent incident at issue, petitioner's driving privileges are in a revoked status, and the implied consent petition has been filed and assigned a district court file number.
  - e. For petitioners whose driving privileges remain valid, or who do not have a valid Minnesota (CONAX) identification, in either case for longer than thirty (30) calendar days, submission of the request for temporary reinstatement of driving privileges will be administratively stayed and not considered. Petitioner or petitioner's counsel may by letter request reactivation of the request thereafter once revocation occurs.
  - f. Failure to follow any of these procedures will result in the request for temporary reinstatement being delayed or denied.
  - g. The Chief Judge will eFile and eServe an order granting or denying a reinstatement request. Orders will not be sent to attorneys by email or U.S. Mail. Orders will be mailed to petitioners who do not have a lawyer.
6. A request for temporary reinstatement of driving privileges will be denied, and an implied consent hearing will be scheduled within sixty (60) days of the filing of the implied consent petition, if:

- a. Petitioner has demanded a hearing within sixty (60) days of the filing of the implied consent petition;
  - b. Petitioner's driver's license is canceled as inimical to public safety (IPS);
  - c. Petitioner was under twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of the incident;
  - d. Petitioner had another implied consent incident within one (1) year of the current incident;
  - e. Petitioner's probation or conditional release on another criminal case has been violated by this implied consent incident;
  - f. It is clear on the face of the implied consent petition that it was not filed in a timely manner;
  - g. The related criminal case has already been resolved and the implied consent hearing can be scheduled within sixty (60) days of the reinstatement request;
  - h. Petitioner has failed to follow the specified procedures to request temporary reinstatement;
  - i. Other facts indicate petitioner is a significant threat to public safety, including, but not limited to, multiple pending alcohol or drug related offenses.
7. Within two (2) days of the final disposition of the criminal case, petitioner may waive his or her implied consent hearing, or schedule a hearing on the petition. To schedule an implied consent hearing, petitioner must file a Request to Schedule Implied Consent Hearing within two (s) days of the final disposition of the criminal case or the petition will be dismissed. The Request to Schedule Implied Consent Hearing shall be substantially the same as the form attached to this Order and must identify the issues to be litigated at the implied consent hearing and contain an implied consent hearing date obtained from court administration. If the Request to Schedule Implied Consent Hearing is e-filed, the filing code "Request for Hearing" should be used and the filing description "Implied Consent" should be used.
8. Parties who waive the implied consent hearing while on the record in the related criminal case should also file a written waiver of the hearing in the implied consent

case as soon as possible. In eFiling a waiver, the filing code “Waiver of Right to Contested Hearing” should be used and the filing description “Waiver of IC Hearing and Voluntary Dismissal of Petition” should be used.

9. Any request to reopen an implied consent matter must be made by written motion that is eFiled and eServed. The motion must include the appropriate motion filing fee. The motion to reopen will be heard on an implied consent calendar. If granted, the implied consent hearing will be held within sixty (60) days of the order re-opening the case. There will be no temporary reinstatement of driving privileges after an implied consent petition has been dismissed, even if the case is subsequently re-opened.
10. This Order replaces the Standing Order dated July 17, 2018 with the same title.

Date: December 17, 2024

BY THE COURT:

Kerry W. Meyer

Chief Judge of District Court

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Civil Division, Implied Consent

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[Petitioner's Full Name],

Petitioner,

Request to Schedule Implied  
Consent Hearing

vs.

Commissioner of Public Safety,

Respondent.

Court File No. 27-CV-

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Petitioner requests that an implied consent hearing be scheduled in the above-captioned case. Petitioner represents that the companion criminal case is now closed after final disposition. Petitioner has obtained the date and time of [Date and Time of Implied Consent Hearing] from Court Administration as an available date and time to schedule the hearing.

Petitioner understands that this request must be filed with the Court within two days of the resolution of the criminal matter and that if it is not, the scheduled hearing date will be stricken and the petition dismissed.

Petitioner wishes to litigate the following issues at the implied consent hearing:

[List All Issue Here]

[Date]

Respectfully Submitted,

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[Name of Attorney for Petitioner]  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Atty Registration #  
Mailing Address  
Email: [Atty Email or eService]  
Phone: [Atty Phone No.]