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**Administrative Order For Fee Waiver  
Pursuant To Minn. Stat. § 357.021, Subd. 2(14)<sup>1</sup>**

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**WHEREAS**, under Minn. Stat. § 357.021, actions initiated under Minn. Stat. § 256.045, subd. 3(9) are not explicitly exempted from district court filing fees;

**WHEREAS**, in all other matters related to child protection, the public authority is not required to pay a fee. *See* Minn. Stat. § 357.021, subd. 1a(c)(5) (exempting the public authority from paying filing fees in truancy, delinquency, and juvenile safety and placement matters);

**WHEREAS**, under Minn. Stat. § 357.021, subd. 2(14), the fee for “[a]ll other services required by law for which no fee is provided, such fee as compares favorably with those herein provided, or such as may be fixed by rule or order of the court;”

**WHEREAS**, under Minn. Stat. § 357.021, 1a(c)(5), the comparable related matter is under Minn. Stat. § 260C, which exempts the public authority from a filing fee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey County Social Services and the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office are the appropriate public authorities related to juvenile protection matters in Ramsey County.

**It Is Ordered That:**

1. Ramsey County Social Services and the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office may proceed in actions initiated under Minn. Stat. § 256.045, subd. 3(9) without payment of fees, costs and security.

<sup>1</sup> The Minnesota Judicial Branch has republished this order to make it digitally accessible. There were no substantive changes. This order was previously signed by Chief Judge Leonardo Castro on September 22, 2022, and this order is effective on that date.

2. The District Court Administrator is directed to perform the duties of the office without requiring the Ramsey County Social Services and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to pay a filing fee, certified copy and photocopy fees, in actions initiated under Minn. Stat. § 256.045, subd. 3(9).
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by statute or further order of this court.

February 4, 2025

By the Court:

Sara Grewing  
Chief Judge of District Court