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TO: All Informal Juvenile and Traffic Court (IJTC) Judicial Officers

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICE AVAILABILITY IN IJTC

Effective immediately, community service will be available in lieu of any fine (including assessments and fees) for any offense adjudicated in the Informal Juvenile and Traffic Court. Community service will be ordered at the following rates:

CONVERSION RATES

1. Five hours for every \$100 of fine (including assessments, fees)
2. The maximum number of hours for any single citation, regardless of the number of offenses on the citation, is 50 hours.
3. For multiple citations, the number of hours is computed for each citation, with a 50 hour maximum on each citation
4. The court has the discretion to reduce the total number of hours, if there are multiple citations, to a manageable number.
5. If a youth chooses to satisfy the disposition by partially paying money and performing community service, the court shall accommodate the youth utilizing the above rates.

FTA'S

For youth who fail to appear in court (FTA) without valid excuse, it is the court's policy that the youth should not benefit from an FTA which is found to be true by

the court. If a youth chooses to perform community service in lieu of the fine for FTA, it will be computed at the following rates:

6. If a youth with a single citation plus an FTA appears within one year of the initially scheduled appearance, the amount of the fine for the citation is added to the amount of fine for the FTA. If the total is less than \$1000, that amount will be converted to community service hours.
 - a. If the fines on the citation are more than \$1000, the amount of community service on the citation is 50 hours. An additional 5 hours will be added for the FTA for a total of 55 hours.
7. If the youth appears on a citation with an FTA more than one year from the initially scheduled appearance, the court shall add 5 hours of community service for each year.
8. The same method of computation shall be used for multiple citations with the court's discretion to reduce the total as stated in Line 4.
9. Partial payments and community service will also be acceptable as stated in Line 5.
10. If a youth appears in court as originally cited and admits the allegation in the citation or it is sustained after trial; and if the youth is assessed a fine or community service; and if the youth fails to pay the fine or perform community service; the court, in addition to the suspension of the driving privilege, shall add five hours of community service for each year that the obligation remains unsatisfied. The driving privilege shall not be restored until the obligations have been completely satisfied.

INSTALLMENT OPTIONS

11. Installment payments shall be allowed when the system has been set up.
12. When installment payments are allowed or community service is ordered, the case shall be heard in 60 day increments.
13. If, after three 60 day increments (6 months), the fine has not been fully paid or community service and/or other obligations have not been satisfied, the court shall suspend the driving privilege until all obligations are satisfied, unless the court finds good cause for a further extension of time.
14. If a youth has completed the entire community service obligation or is prepared to pay the balance remaining on a fine, the proof of completed community service or payment of the fine can be submitted to the court by mail at their own risk.

The provisions of this memo are designed to accomplish the following:

15. Hold youth accountable;
16. Create uniform standards of accountability;
17. Allow community service in lieu of any fine;
18. Make it easier for youth to successfully comply with the court's orders of accountability.