

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATING
JUVENILE MATTERS WHEN A MINOR
REACHES THE AGE OF MAJORITY

} ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2021-139

The Juvenile Department of Superior Court (“the Court”) has jurisdiction over delinquency and non-delinquency matters as defined in A.R.S. §8-202 and A.R.S. §8-246. Administrative Order No. 2011-128 previously provided orders for administrative dismissals to terminate juvenile matters when a minor reached age eighteen. While the Court normally loses jurisdiction when a child becomes eighteen, the Court may retain jurisdiction in delinquency matters until a juvenile reaches nineteen years of age for those juveniles who meet the criteria set forth in A.R.S. §8-202(H) (“extended jurisdiction delinquent juveniles”).

The Court has determined administratively terminating Juvenile Court delinquency, dependency, severance, guardianship, emancipation, relinquishment, injunction against harassment, and orders of protection petitions once the minor child reaches the age of eighteen (or nineteen for extended jurisdiction delinquent juveniles) will increase accuracy and efficiency in case management of juvenile cases. However, the Court recognizes it may be required to take appropriate action after a minor child reaches the age of eighteen (or nineteen for extended jurisdiction delinquent juveniles) including: the designation of a juvenile’s performance on probation; modification of the manner in which court ordered payments are to be made; or entry of a restitution order pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-344(D). In addition, Court Administration and the Juvenile Probation Department may also be required to take appropriate administrative action after the minor child reaches the age of eighteen (or nineteen for extended jurisdiction delinquent juveniles).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the Court will administratively terminate active delinquency and incorrigibility petitions, citations, and complaints one day after the minor child who is the subject of the pending matter reaches the age of eighteen years (or nineteen years for extended jurisdiction delinquent juveniles), unless there is a pending restitution hearing scheduled pursuant to A.R.S. § 18-344(D). If a restitution hearing is scheduled after the loss of jurisdiction, the petition, citation or complaint will be administratively terminated one day after the conclusion of the restitution hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that administrative termination of a delinquency or incorrigibility petition, citation, or complaint for loss of jurisdiction does not terminate or vacate any final judgment or order entered prior to or after the juvenile ages out, does not prohibit the Court, Court Administration or the Juvenile Probation Department from taking any lawful action in the matter or from entering administrative information, including whether the juvenile has successfully completed his or her probation, into the juvenile’s legal file,

social file, or electronic case management system. It does not prohibit the Court from modifying the manner in which court-ordered payments are to be made or prohibit the entry of restitution orders pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-344(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Court will administratively terminate active dependency, adoption, severance, guardianship, emancipation, relinquishment, order of protection, and injunction against harassment petitions and applications one day after the minor child who is the subject of the petition or application reaches the age of eighteen years. When the petition or application is the subject of more than one minor child, the termination shall occur and be effective only with respect to a child or children subject of the petition or application that has reached the age of eighteen years.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED administrative termination of a dependency, adoption, severance, guardianship, emancipation, relinquishment, order of protection, and injunction against harassment petition or application for loss of jurisdiction does not terminate or vacate any final judgment or orders entered prior to the juvenile attaining the age of eighteen years and does not prohibit the Court from entering administrative information in the juvenile's file or electronic case management system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all Administrative terminations entered pursuant to this Administrative Order shall include a formal dismissal order reflecting that the matter has been dismissed without prejudice for loss of jurisdiction and all outstanding warrants and pick-up orders, if any, are to be quashed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED terminating Administrative Order No. 2011-128 effective this date.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Joseph C. Kreamer

Hon. Joseph C. Kreamer
Juvenile Department Presiding Judge

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