

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

IN THE MATTER OF JURISDICTION OF)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
JUVENILE CASES INVOLVING CIVIL)	No. 2021-080
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, CIVIL)	
MARIJUANA VIOLATIONS, AND CIVIL)	REPLACING ADMINISTRATIVE
NON-TRAFFIC ORDINANCE)	ORDER NO. 2009-027 AND
VIOLATIONS)	JUVENILE ADMINISTRATIVE
_____)	ORDER No. 2009-007

WHEREAS, the juvenile court has non-exclusive jurisdiction over civil traffic violations, civil marijuana violations, and violations of any city, town or political subdivision ordinance that are committed within the county by persons under the age of 18 pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 8-202(B), (E) and -323(B), and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge has the authority pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-202(E) to decline jurisdiction over cases involving traffic violations, civil marijuana violations, and violations of any city, town or political subdivision ordinance that are committed within the county by persons under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge finds that declining jurisdiction over civil traffic violations and violations of city, town or political subdivision ordinances promotes the more efficient use of the limited judicial and law enforcement resources located in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge finds that civil marijuana violations committed by persons under the age of 18 are best processed and handled by the juvenile court in order to ensure consistency and to track repeated marijuana offenses by the same juvenile;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED declining jurisdiction over civil traffic violations committed within Maricopa County by persons under the age of 18, except civil traffic offenses cited into court with a criminal traffic offense, a civil marijuana offense, or an incorrigibility offense. Civil traffic citations shall continue to be processed, heard and disposed of in the appropriate limited jurisdiction court, pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-202(E).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED declining jurisdiction over violations of any city, town or political subdivision ordinance that are committed within the county by persons under the age of 18, except when cited into court with a civil marijuana offense, or an incorrigibility offense. Ordinance violations shall be processed, heard and disposed of in the appropriate limited jurisdiction court, pursuant to A.R.S. § 22-402(B).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that juvenile court will retain jurisdiction over civil marijuana violations. Effective July 1, 2021, all civil marijuana citations for persons under the age of 18 in Maricopa County must be referred to the juvenile court for case processing and handling. In addition, where a civil marijuana citation also includes a civil traffic offense or violations of city, town or political subdivision ordinances, the citation must be referred to the juvenile court. Law enforcement in Maricopa County should no longer refer these cases to their respective limited jurisdiction courts, including both municipal courts and justice of the peace courts. In the event a court of limited jurisdiction receives a civil marijuana citation, the matter should be immediately returned to the citing agency for re-submission to the juvenile court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED rescinding Administrative Order No. 2009-027 and Juvenile Administrative Order No. 2009-007.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty

Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

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