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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJUSTING ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES FOR CASES ASSIGNED WITHIN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS OF MARICOPA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2025-065

Rule 10 of the Superior Court Local Rules for Maricopa County establishes Regional Judicial Districts. Rule 10.2 of the Superior Court Local Rules for Maricopa County establishes the procedures by which cases will be assigned to those Regional Judicial Districts. Administrative Order No. 2024-100 established the administrative boundaries in family law cases for the Downtown, Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast Judicial Districts.

There are certain family law case types that are not assigned according to administrative boundaries, including orders of protection and Title IV-D cases filed by the Office of the Arizona Attorney General. These matters are exempt from strict adherence to this order and the use of ZIP code boundaries for filing purposes.

In order for the Court to ensure balanced judicial workloads, thereby providing improved case flow and reduced case delay for parties, it is necessary to adjust the boundaries for the Regional Judicial Districts.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. This Administrative Order replaces Administrative Order No. 2024-100.
- 2. Attachment A identifies the ZIP code boundaries for each Regional Judicial District for family law cases. Attachment B identifies those ZIP Codes that have been reassigned from Administrative Order No. 2024-100.
- Superior Court family law cases shall be assigned to a Regional Judicial District based upon the ZIP code in the petitioner's address as set forth in the petitioner's initial filing, or, if represented, based upon the ZIP code in petitioner's counsel's address.
- 4. Superior Court family law cases originating from Maricopa County, Arizona, may be filed with the Clerk of the Court at any Superior Court location. Thereafter, the case shall be assigned to the appropriate Regional Judicial District based on the ZIP code in the petitioner's address, or, if represented, in the petitioner's counsel's address.

- 5. Superior Court family law cases originating from ZIP codes not identified in Attachment A shall be assigned to the Downtown Judicial District. If such a family law case is improperly filed in Maricopa County, it is subject to being transferred to a county where venue is proper or being dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. See, e.g., Rule 21(a), Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure. ("When a family law action has been commenced in an improper county in violation of A.R.S. § 12-401, A.R.S. § 25-502, or A.R.S. § 25-802, the court, on a finding that venue is improper, may on its own motion transfer the case to a county where venue is proper.")
- 6. This Administrative Order applies to all family law cases filed and initiated on and after June 30, 2025, except certain family law case types that are not assigned based on administrative boundaries including orders of protection and Title IV-D cases filed by the Office of the Arizona Attorney General.
- 7. This Administrative Order shall remain in full force and effect until modified, rescinded or vacated by subsequent order.

DATED this \_\_\_1st\_\_ day of May, 2025.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Ronda Fisk, Family Department Presiding Judge

All Family Court Judges and Commissioners Hon. Joseph Malka, Clerk of the Superior Court Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator

Cheri Clark, Deputy Court Administrator

Adis Bosnic, Family Department Administrator Michael Nimtz, Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

## FAMILY ZIP CODE ASSIGNMENT - DOWNTOWN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Phoenix	85001	Phoenix	85070
Phoenix	85002	Phoenix	85071
Phoenix	85003	Phoenix	85072
Phoenix	85004	Phoenix	85073
Phoenix	85005	Phoenix	85074
Phoenix	85006	Phoenix	85075
Phoenix	85007	Phoenix	85076
Phoenix	85009	Phoenix	85078
Phoenix	85010	Phoenix	85079
Phoenix	85011	Phoenix	85080
Phoenix	85017	Phoenix	85082
Phoenix	85019	Phoenix	85096
Phoenix	85025	Phoenix	85097
Phoenix	85026	Phoenix	85098
Phoenix	85030	Phoenix	85099
Phoenix	85031	Scottsdale	85267
Phoenix	85033	Scottsdale	85271
Phoenix	85035	Glendale	85311
Phoenix	85036	Arlington	85322
Phoenix	85037	Avondale	85323
Phoenix	85038	Buckeye	85326
Phoenix	85043	Phoenix/Cashion	85329
Phoenix	85046	Gila Bend	85337
Phoenix	85055	Goodyear	85338
Phoenix	85060	Palo Verde	85343
Phoenix	85061	Tolleson	85353
Phoenix	85062	Tonopah	85354
Phoenix	85063	Avondale	85392
Phoenix	85065	Buckeye	85395
Phoenix	85066		
Phoenix	85067		
Phoenix	85068		
Phoenix	85069		

### FAMILY ZIP CODE ASSIGNMENT - NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

\*Bolded ZIP codes are reassigned by this AO.

Phoenix	85012	Scottsdale	85259
Phoenix	85013	Scottsdale	85260
Phoenix	85014	Scottsdale	85261
Phoenix	85015	Scottsdale	85262
Phoenix	85016	Scottsdale/Rio Verde	85263
Phoenix	85020	Scottsdale	85266
Phoenix	85021	Fountain Hills	85268
Phoenix	85022	Scottsdale	85269
Phoenix	85023	Glendale	85301
Phoenix	85024	Glendale	85302
Phoenix	85027	Glendale	85303
Phoenix	85028	Glendale	85304
Phoenix	85029	Glendale	85305
Phoenix	85032	Glendale	85306
Phoenix	85050	Glendale	85308
Phoenix	85051	Glendale	85310
Phoenix	85053	Glendale	85312
Phoenix	85054	Glendale	85313
Phoenix	85083	Glendale	85318
Phoenix	85085	Black Canyon City	85324
Anthem	85086	Cave Creek	85327
New River	85087	Cave Creek	85331
Scottsdale/Phoenix	85254	Peoria	85345
Scottsdale	85255	Carefree	85377

## FAMILY ZIP CODE ASSIGNMENT - NORTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Phoenix	85039	Surprise	85374
Glendale	85307	City/West/Grand	85375
Glendale	85309	Sun City/West/Grand	85376
Aguila	85320	Surprise	85378
El Mirage	85335	Surprise	85379
Litchfield Park	85340	Peoria	85380
Morristown	85342	Peoria	85381
Sun City/West/Grand	85351	Peoria	85382
Waddell	85355	Peoria	85383
Wickenburg	85358	Peoria	85385
Wittmann	85361	Surprise	85387
Youngtown	85363	Surprise	85388
Sun City	85372	Wickenburg	85390
Sun City/West/Grand	85373	Goodyear	85396

## FAMILY ZIP CODE ASSIGNMENT - SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Phoenix	85008	Higley	85236
Phoenix	85018	Queen Creek	85243
Phoenix	85034	Chandler	85244
Phoenix	85040	Chandler	85246
Phoenix	85041	Chandler/Sun Lakes	85248
Phoenix	85042	Chandler	85249
Phoenix	85044	Scottsdale	85250
Phoenix	85045	Scottsdale	85251
Phoenix	85048	Scottsdale	85252
Mesa	85201	Scottsdale	85253
Mesa	85202	Scottsdale	85256
Mesa	85203	Scottsdale	85257
Mesa	85204	Scottsdale	85258
Mesa	85205	Scottsdale/Ft. McDowell	85264
Mesa	85206	Mesa	85274
Mesa	85207	Mesa	85275
Mesa	85208	Mesa	85277
Mesa	85209	Mesa	85280
Mesa	85210	Mesa	85281
Mesa	85211	Tempe	85282
Mesa	85212	Tempe/Guadalupe	85283
Mesa	85213	Tempe	85284
Mesa	85214	Tempe	85285
Mesa	85215	Chandler	85286
Mesa	85216	Tempe	85287
Apache Junction	85120	Tempe	85288
Maricopa	85139	Tempe	85289
Queen Creek	85142	Gilbert	85295
Chandler	85224	Gilbert	85296
Chandler	85225	Gilbert	85297
Chandler	85226	Gilbert	85298
Gilbert	85233	Gilbert	85299
Gilbert	85234	Laveen	85339

## **ATTACHMENT B**

## **ZIP CODES REASSIGNED FROM AO2024-100**

ZIP Code	Assignment in AO2024-100	Reassigned as of June 30, 2025
85301	Downtown	Northeast
85303	Downtown	Northeast
85305	Downtown	Northeast
85340	Downtown	Northwest
85381	Northeast	Northwest
85382	Northeast	Northwest