

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-03 RE: 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT APPOINTMENT AND DESIGNATION OF ALL DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATES AS COUNTY COURT MAGISTRATES TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL INFRACTION CASES AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO ACT AS A MAGISTRATE TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL INFRACTION CASES**

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The Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 21-271 on June 25, 2021, which was signed into law by Governor Polis on July 6, 2021. This bill made significant changes to the classification of certain offenses, including removing Class 3 misdemeanors for offenses committed after March 1, 2022, C.R.S. §18-1.3-501(1)(a.5), and adding a new classification of civil infraction for certain offenses classified by statute as a civil infraction. C.R.S. §18-1.3-503(1.6)(a).

The procedures for adjudication of civil infractions are set forth at C.R.S. §16-2.3-101, and such adjudication must be held before a county court magistrate or a county court judge acting as a magistrate. Pursuant to my authority as Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial District, I hereby appoint and designate the District Court Magistrates of the 7th Judicial District to preside over civil infractions as a county court magistrate, and further clarify that all 7th Judicial District County and District Court Judges are authorized to act as a magistrate to preside over civil infractions. By its terms, C.R.S. §16-2.3-101 applies to civil infractions and not traffic infractions, as these are different classifications of offenses.

Dated this 28th day of February 2022.

BY THE COURT:

  
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J. Steven Patrick  
Chief Judge

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