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LOCAL COURT RULE NO. 1

A Defendant charged with a criminal offense punishable by a loss of freedom shall be scheduled for a jury trial unless specifically waived by filing a written waiver of jury trial.

A waiver of trial by jury must be in writing. A notice of intent to change plea and notice of intent to amend citation/complaint may be done orally to the clerk.

A notice of intent to plea to a lesser charge, and notice of intent to amend shall be effective any time prior to the Friday preceding the trial date.

Thereafter, no amendment to the citation/complaint shall be permitted except as provided below. A waiver of jury trial shall be effective at any time prior to 2 days before the trial date.

An amendment to the citation/complaint, waiver of jury trial and a change of plea to a lesser charge may be allowed upon a showing of exigent circumstances and the payment of terms in the amount of $180.00.

A Defendant may plead guilty to the charge originally alleged at any time.

LOCAL COURT RULE NO. 2

In all Contested Infraction hearings where an attorney has appeared for the Defendant, the State shall be represented by an attorney from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, or the infraction shall be dismissed with prejudice.

LOCAL COURT RULE NO. 3
SCHEDULING AND APPEARANCES IN TRAFFIC MATTERS

All contested traffic matters where the Defendant is represented by counsel shall be heard on Wednesday's at 11:00 A.M. or such day as the Court directs.

No Attorney shall appear for a Defendant without first filing a Notice of Appearance seven days before any scheduled hearing. If Defendant’s attorney fails to so file the Court will continue the contested matter to a date available to both sides.

LOCAL COURT RULE NO. 4

All Civil Infractions, including Traffic Infractions, Criminal Citations and Criminal Complaints shall be filed in the district in which the underlying facts occurred to wit;

Offenses occurring in the following voting districts shall be filed in Pacific County South District Court:

> Chinook, Ilwaco 1R, Ilwaco 2R, Ilwaco, Klipsan, Long Beach, Nahcotta, Naselle, Nemah, Ocean Park 1, Ocean Park 2, Oysterville, Pioneer, Seaview 1, Seaview 2.

Offenses occurring in the following voting districts shall be filed in Pacific County North District Court:

> Baleville, Bay Center, Ekland Park, Frances, Menlo, North River, Raymond Ward 2, Raymond Ward 3, Smith Creek, South Bend 1R, South Bend 2R, South Fork, Willapa, Raymond Ward 1P1, Raymond Ward 1P2, Raymond Ward 1P3, Raymond Ward 2, Raymond Ward 3, South Bend 1, South Bend 2, South Bend 3.

Any Citation filed in violation of this rule may be dismissed without prejudice or transferred without notice to the correct district.