

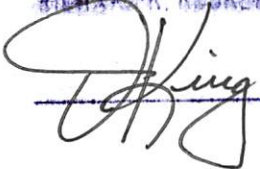
IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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RE: DECREASING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL DOCKET
SIZE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2021, IN RESPONSE
TO SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES


J. King

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In response to the recent surge in COVID-19 infections and exposures, the General Sessions Judges unanimously adopt the following protocol regarding the size of certain dockets. Accordingly, notwithstanding the provisions of any previous Administrative Order to the contrary, effective October 4, 2021, the size of the civil and criminal dockets will be decreased as set forth below and shall remain in effect until further court Order, and at the very least, the matter of docket sizes shall be reviewed in ninety (90) days if not sooner.

1. The maximum number of defendants allowed on any criminal trial docket shall be twenty-five (25). The maximum number of defendants allowed on any Friday criminal settlement docket at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. shall be thirty (30). The maximum number of defendants allowed on any domestic violence settlement docket or trial docket shall be twenty-five (25). With regard to the foregoing criminal dockets, if there are already court dates on or after October 4, 2021, which exceed the number of allowable defendants set forth in this Order, the Clerk shall not be required to reduce those dockets to bring them into compliance; however, the Clerk shall not allow additional defendants to be added to those dockets.

2. The maximum number of cases allowed on any civil docket in Courtroom 1A shall be seventy-five (75) cases. The maximum number of cases allowed on any civil docket in Courtroom 1B shall be fifty (50) cases. The Clerk is authorized to exceed this limit in order to

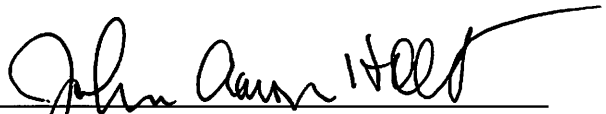
set slow pay motions only if required because said motions are statutorily time sensitive. With regard to the foregoing civil dockets, if there are already court dates on or after October 4, 2021, which exceed the number of allowable cases set forth in this Order, the Clerk shall not be required to reduce those dockets to bring them into compliance; however, the Clerk shall not allow additional cases to be added to those dockets.

3. With regard to the traffic docket, the maximum number of docketed cases and motions combined remains unchanged and is limited to forty (40) per docket.

4. With regard to Environmental Court, the maximum number of cases which can be set on each docket remains unchanged and is limited to forty (40).

5. All specialty court dockets shall continue to operate as normal.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of September, 2021.



John Aaron Holt, Presiding Judge
Division 11
Metropolitan General Sessions Court