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## REPORT TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Item No.: 23-159

For business meeting on: September 19, 2023

#### Title

Rules and Forms: Miscellaneous Technical Changes to Traffic Rules and Forms

Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Affected Amend Cal. Rules of Court, rule 4.107; revise forms TR-235, TR-300, TR-3000, TR-

310, TR-310o

### Recommended by

Traffic Advisory Committee Hon. Gail Dekreon, Chair

### **Agenda Item Type**

Action Required

#### **Effective Date**

January 1, 2024

### **Date of Report**

August 7, 2023

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### **Executive Summary**

The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends amending one rule of court and revising five traffic forms to incorporate changes resulting from legislation and correct a statutory reference. These changes are technical, minor, and noncontroversial. The committee recommends making the necessary corrections to conform to statues and avoid causing confusion for court users, clerks, and judicial officers.

### Recommendation

The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2024:

- 1. Amend rule 4.107 of the California Rules of Court to update the maximum civil assessment fee amount that was reduced by Assembly Bill 199 (Stats. 2022, ch. 57);
- 2. Revise Officer's Declaration (form TR-235) to resolve an incorrectly cited statute;
- 3. Revise Agreement to Pay and Forfeit Bail in Installments (form TR-300) and Online Agreement to Pay and Forfeit Bail in Installments (form TR-3000) to delete a field for

administrative fees that were repealed by AB 177 (Stats. 2021, ch. 257), and delete a warning regarding consequences from the Department of Motor Vehicles for failure to pay that were repealed by Assembly Bill 2746 (Stats. 2022, ch. 800); and

4. Revise Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments (form TR-310) and Online Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments (form TR-3100) to update a warning regarding consequences from the Department of Motor Vehicles for failure to pay that were repealed by Assembly Bill 2746. Revise Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments (form TR-310) to be consistent with Online Agreement to Pay Traffic Violator School Fees in Installments (form TR-3100), by clarifying the form is for violations of the Vehicle Code.

The proposed amended rule and revised forms are attached at pages 3–13.

### **Relevant Previous Council Action**

Although the Judicial Council has acted on these rules and forms previously, this proposal recommends only minor corrections unrelated to any prior action.

### Analysis/Rationale

The changes to these forms are necessary to conform to statutory changes and correct references.

### **Policy implications**

This proposal promotes accuracy and consistency with statutes and forms.

### **Comments**

This proposal was not circulated for public comment because the recommended changes are corrections, and minor modifications to directly implement statutory changes that are unlikely to create controversy, and are therefore within the Judicial Council's purview to adopt without circulation. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.22(d)(2).)

### **Alternatives considered**

The committee considered revising the forms later, alongside more substantive revisions, including considering the need for the separate online form versions. However, recommending these minor revisions to the forms at this time appears to be the better option, to avoid courts and court users continuing to rely on inaccurate forms for an unforeseen amount of time. Additional changes may be made as time and resources allow.

### **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

Operational impacts are expected to be minor. The proposed revisions may result in reproduction costs if courts provide hard copies of any of the forms recommended for revision. Because the proposed changes are minor, case management systems are unlikely to need updating to implement them.

## **Attachments and Links**

- 1. Cal. Rules of Court, rule 4.107, at page 3
- 2. Forms TR-235, TR-300, TR-300o, TR-310, and TR-310o, at pages 4–13

NAME OF COURT: STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE:	FOR COURT USE ONLY				
BRANCH NAME:					
TELEPHONE:	DRAFT				
PEOPLE OF	Not approved by the Judicial Council				
DEFENDANT:					
OFFIC (Trial by Written D					
RETURN DATE:	ARRESTING/CITING OFFICER NAME/ID NO.:	CITATION NUMBER/DATE ISSUED:			
AGENCY NAME:	OFFICE [IF ANY]:	CASE NUMBER:			
INSTRUCTIONS: The defendant in the case listed above has opted for trial by written declaration pursuant to Vehicle Code section 40902. The officer named above shall check all statements that apply, date, sign, and complete and return this form to the court named above by the return date.					
OFFICER'S DECLARATION: Except as expressly stated below, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. The events occurred in the County of (specify):					
a. At the time of the citation I was a peace officer on-duty for the exclusive or main purpose of traffic enforcement not for the exclusive or main purpose of traffic enforcement, and I was was not wearing a uniform as required by the Vehicle Code section 40800. Any vehicle used by me complied with Vehicle Code section 40800.					
b. The offense(s) were not committed in my presence.					
c. Any statement(s) made by the defendant were voluntary, recorded verbatim not verbatim and is/are reasonably complete and accurate in substance.					
<ul> <li>d. Safety is an element of the violation alleged. In my opinion, the defendant's operation of the vehicle was unsafe.</li> <li>e. Any equipment used by me to gather evidence in support of this violation was properly maintained, in good working orde and I have been trained in its use.</li> </ul>					
f. Any traffic sign, signal, or device mentioned was official and properly located, maintained, in good working order, and clearly visible to a driver of a vehicle controlled, governed, or affected by such sign, signal, or device.					
g. Any diagram(s) subm					
vehicle used in conne	vehicle used in connection with this citation was officially calibrated on (date):				
The result was (specified The calibration was continued to the continued t	ry). onsidered by me in determining defendant's spe	ed.			
	ified by Driver's License or other <i>(specify)</i> :				
2. THE METHOD(S) USED TO D	ETERMINE THE SPEED OF THE INVOLVED V	EHICLE WAS/WERE:			
a. Odometer	e. Laser				
b. Visual estimation c. Pacing	f. Aircraft	5.7.			
c. Pacing d. Radar (see items 4, 5	g. Other (specit 5, 6, below)	<i>y).</i>			
Engineering and traffic su	urvey (ETS) not required per Vehicle Code section	on 40802, subdivision (a)(2).			
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	e (5) and seven (7) years prior to date of alleged	violation.			
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OFFICER'S DECLARATION (Trial by Written Declaration—Traffic)

F	EOPLE v.	DEFENDANT (Name):		CASE NUMBER:			
5.	b	ETS on file with the court.					
	c. Arresting/citing officer has successfully completed a radar operator course of not less than 24 hours approved and certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).						
	d	Laser or other electronic device was used to measure speed additional training course of not less than two hours approved					
	e	The speed measuring device used to measure the speed of					
		meets or exceeds the minimum operational standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and was last calibrated on <i>(date)</i> :  by an independent certified laser/radar repair and testing/calibration facility.					
	f	Equipment accuracy check conducted on (date):		at (time):			
		and again on (date): at (	(time):				
6.	ET	S completed within seven (7) and ten (10) years prior to the d	late of the allege	ed violation.			
	a	A registered engineer has evaluated the section of the highwork changes in roadway or traffic conditions have occurred.	way in question a	and has determined that no significant			
	b	All of the elements marked under item 5, above, which are a	pplicable.				
7.	FACTS A	ND CIRCUMSTANCES (Type or print only. State what happe	ened):				
	Co	ntinued on attachment.					
8.	OTHER E	EVIDENCE AND STATEMENTS (Explain any other evidence	and statements)	):			
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١d	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.						
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		RFEIT BAIL IN INSTALLMENTS de, § 40510.5)		
			CITATION NUMBER:	
		ED BY THE COURT		
	Read carefully and, if you agree, s	ign and return the form to the clerk.	CASE NUMBER:	
1.	I am the defendant in this case and I havinfraction violation(s) of the Vehicle Code			
	a. § b. §	c. § d. §	e. §	
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	My court appearance date or extension date has not passed, and I am providing proof of correction for any correctable violations.			
3.	I want to pay and forfeit bail for the violat make installment payments.	ion(s) listed above. I understand that the co	urt does not have to allow me to	
4.	I understand that by signing below, each has no proof of correction will be reported	violation that is reportable to the Departmend as a conviction.	nt of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and	
5.	TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:			
	Total bail (including penalties) is \$			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Initial Payment (10% minimum): \$	
		Ren	naining balance after first payment: \$	
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		and until paid in full on or before <i>(date):</i>	due on the day of each month,	
		and until paid in full on or before (date)	·	
	( ) Other <i>(explain):</i>			
I agree that: All payments must be made by the due date and there is no grace period.  If I do not make a payment on time, I may have to pay the rest of my unpaid bail immediately.				
I understand that if I do not make the payment by each due date the court may:				
Charge me with a failure to appear or pay under Vehicle Code section 40508.  Charge a civil assessment of up to \$100 (Pen. Code, § 1214.1) or have a warrant issued for my arrest.  Assign my case to a collection agency or the State Franchise Tax Board for collection.				
		f any proof of correction has been filed with	the court as required, my bail forfeiture	
	will be complete, and at that time, the car			
		I, understood, and accepted the above te y rights printed on the reverse side, and t		
	(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)	(DATE)	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	
	(DRIVER'S LICENSE/ID NUMBER)	(ADDRESS)	(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)	
		[I have provided a cellular phone number, an	d I authorize the court to send me SMS text	
(TELEPHONE NUMBER) messages or call reminders regarding payments that I owe under this agreement.] [Option			nts that I owe under this agreement.] [Optional]	
[I have provided an email address, and I authorize the court to send me electronic notice regarding payments that I owe under this agreement.] [Optional.]				
		С	LERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	
	ACCEPTED (date):	BY:		
			(DEPUTY CLERK)	

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By choosing to pay and forfeit bail in installments and not go into court, you will be giving up these rights:

- To appear in court without deposit of bail for formal arraignment, plea, and sentencing;
- To ask for community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due;
- To request and have a court trial, to challenge the charges without deposit of bail, unless the court orders bail;
- To have a speedy court trial and have the charges dismissed if a speedy trial is requested but not provided;
- To be represented by an attorney at your expense;
- To subpoena or present witnesses and physical evidence using the power of the court at no cost to you and to testify on your own behalf;
- · To confront and cross-examine all witnesses under oath testifying against you; and
- To remain silent and not testify.

At any time before your final payment, if you have experienced a change in financial circumstances, you may ask that the court consider your ability to pay. If the court considers your ability to pay, the court may modify your installment plan, allow you to complete community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due, or suspend all or part of the fine. The court is not required to offer you any of the above options, and the court may deny your request.

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	TO BE COMP	LETE	ED BY THE COURT	TICKET NUMBER:
	Read carefully, and if you agree	, type	your name below and submit the form.	
1.	ram are deterioration and edge, an		ve been charged with the following that do not require me to go into court:	CASE NUMBER:
	a. § b. §		c. § d. §	e. §
2.	My court appearance date or exter	sion d	ate has not passed [and I have provided prod	•
	(if applicable).]			
3.	I want to forfeit and pay bail for the violation(s) listed above. I understand that the court does not have to allow me to make installment payments.			
4.	. I understand that by completing this agreement, each violation that is reportable to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and has no proof of correction will be reported as a conviction.			Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and
5.	TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:			
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	I understand that if I do not comple			500
	Charge a civil assess	ment c	appear or pay under Vehicle Code section 40 of up to \$100 (Pen. Code, § 1214.1) or have a on agency or the State Franchise Tax Board	warrant issued for my arrest.
	I understand that if I pay as agreed will be complete, and at that time,		if any proof of correction has been filed with t se will be closed.	ne court as required], my bail forfeiture
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	inderstand that by electronically filing ourt, rule 2.257(b).)	g this o	document, it will be deemed signed. (Code Ci	v. Proc., § 1010.6(b)(2)(A) and Cal. Rules of
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				(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)
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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

By choosing to pay and forfeit bail in installments and not go into court, you will be giving up these rights:

- To appear in court without deposit of bail for formal arraignment, plea, and sentencing;
- To ask for community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due;
- To request and have a court trial, to challenge the charges without deposit of bail, unless the court orders bail:
- To have a speedy court trial and have the charges dismissed if a speedy trial is requested but not provided;
- To be represented by an attorney at your expense;
- To subpoena or present witnesses and physical evidence using the power of the court at no cost to you and to testify on your own behalf;
- · To confront and cross-examine all witnesses under oath testifying against you; and
- To remain silent and not testify.

At any time before your final payment, if you have experienced a change in financial circumstances, you may ask that the court consider your ability to pay. If the court considers your ability to pay, the court may modify your installment plan, allow you to complete community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due, or suspend all or part of the fine. The court is not required to offer you any of the above options, and the court may deny your request.

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DE	EFENDANT:	the Judicial Council				
	AGREEMENT TO PAY TRAFFIC VIOLATOR SCHOOL FEES IN INSTALLMENTS (Vehicle Code, § 42007)					
		CITATION NUMBER:				
	TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COURT Read carefully and, if you agree, sign and return the form to the clerk.	CASE NUMBER:				
1.	I am the defendant in this case. I have been charged with the following infraction violation(s) of the Vehicle Code that do not require me to go into court and that are eligible for confidential conviction(s) for completion of traffic violator school:					
	a. § b. § c. § d. §	e. §				
2.	My court appearance date or extension date has not passed, and I am providing proof violations.	•				
3.	I want to pay the traffic violator school fees for the violation listed above. I understand t allow me to make installment payments.	hat the court does not have to				
4.	TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:					
	The total fee (including an administrative fee of \$ ) is \$					
		Initial Payment (10% minimum): \$				
	Remai	ning balance after first payment: \$				
	() I agree to pay the remaining balance within 90 days. I will pay in monthly installment	ts of at least \$				
	due on the day of each month, starting on (date): and until paid i					
	( ) Other (explain):					
	I agree that: All payments must be made by the due date and there is no grace period.  If I do not make a payment on time, I may have to pay the rest of my unpaid fees immediately.					
	I understand that if I do not complete my payment plan the court may:  Charge me with a failure to pay under Vehicle Code section 40508.					
	warrant issued for my arrest.					
	I understand that my case will continue to be open until the date that my last installment and if my proof of completion of traffic school is reported, a confidential conviction will be	nt is paid. If I pay as agreed				
	further proceedings will be held.					
	y signing below, I affirm that I have read, understood, and accepted the above term firm that I have read and understood my rights printed on the reverse side, and that					
	(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT) (DATE)	(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)				
	(DRIVER'S LICENSE/ID NUMBER) (ADDRESS)	(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)				
	[I have provided a cellular phone number, and I					
	(TELEPHONE NUMBER) messages or call reminders regarding payment  [I have provided an email address, and I author	s that I owe under this agreement.] [Optional] ize the court to send me electronic notices				
	(EMAIL ADDRESS) regarding payments that I owe under this agree	ment.] [Optional.]				
	CLE	RK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT				
	ACCEPTED (date):					

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(DEPUTY CLERK)

By choosing to pay traffic violator school fees in installments and not go into court, you will be giving up these rights:

- To appear in court without deposit of bail for formal arraignment, plea, and sentencing;
- To ask for community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due;
- To request and have a court trial, to challenge the charges without deposit of bail, unless the court orders bail:
- To have a speedy court trial and have the charges dismissed if a speedy trial is requested but not provided:
- To be represented by an attorney at your expense;
- To subpoena or present witnesses and physical evidence using the power of the court at no cost to you and to testify on your own behalf;
- To confront and cross-examine all witnesses under oath testifying against you; and
- To remain silent and not testify.

At any time before your final payment, if you have experienced a change in financial circumstances, you may ask that the court consider your ability to pay. If the court considers your ability to pay, the court may modify your installment plan, allow you to complete community service (if available) instead of paying the total amount due, or suspend all or part of the fine. The court is not required to offer you any of the above options, and the court may deny your request. If the court grants your request, you may no longer be eligible for traffic school.

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DI	EFENDANT:	the Judicial Council		
	ONLINE AGREEMENT TO PAY TRAFFIC VIOLA (Vehicle Code,			
	TO BE COMPLETED	BY THE COURT	TICKET NUMBER:	
	Read carefully and, if you agree, type you	ur name below and submit the form.		
1.	I am the defendant in this case. I have been infraction violation(s) of the Vehicle Code th that are eligible for confidential conviction(s)	at do not require me to go into court and	CASE NUMBER:	
2.	a. § b. § My court appearance date or extension date	c. § d. § has not passed [and I have provided proo	e. § f of correction for any correctable violations.]	
3.	. I want to pay the traffic violator school fees for the violation(s) listed above. I understand that the court does not have to allow me to make installment payments.			
4.	TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:			
	The total fee (including an administrative fee	e of \$) is \$		
			Initial Payment (10% minimum): \$	
			[Online transaction fee: \$]	
			Total amount due today: \$	
		Rema	ining balance after first payment: \$	
	I agree to pay the remaining balance within	90 days. I will pay in monthly installments o	of at least \$	
	due on the day of each month, star	in full on or before <i>(date):</i>		
I agree that: All payments must be made by the due date and there is no grace period.  If I do not make a payment on time, I may have to pay the rest of my unpaid fees immediately.				
	I understand that if I do not complete my pa		,	
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Charge me with a failure to pay under Vehicle Code section 40508.  Charge a civil assessment of up to \$100 (Pen. Code, § 1214.1) or have a warrant issued for my arrest.  Report convictions to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).  Assign the case to a collection agency or the State Franchise Tax Board for collection.				
	I understand that my case will continue to be of completion of traffic school is reported, a held.  I have read and understood my rights as Attachment 1.) I have read, understood, a	confidential conviction will be reported to the explained in this agreement and attach	ne DMV and no further proceedings will be ment, and I choose to give them up. (See	
1.	inderstand that by electronically filing this doc	· ·		
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			(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)	
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		•	ts that I owe under this agreement.] [Optional]	
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(CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT)

By choosing to pay traffic violator school fees in installments and not go into court, you will be giving up these rights:

- To appear in court without deposit of bail for formal arraignment, plea, and sentencing;
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