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22<sup>nd</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY  
COURT'S ORDER REGARDING  
TRAFFIC TICKET AMNESTY PROGRAM  
MAY 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2023

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Acting in accordance with La. Const. V., Sec 1 and the inherent power of this Court and considering the judicial as well as public interest in clearing the backlog of bench warrants and attachments as well as outstanding traffic tickets,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that any and all persons, after having received a traffic citation and having failed to appear for Traffic Court Arraignment and/or having failed to pay the fines and fees associated with said tickets issued between or set for arraignment/trial between January 1, 2005 and on December 31, 2022 are eligible to participate in the Court's 3 MONTH TRAFFIC TICKET AMNESTY PROGRAM beginning on May 1, 2023 and until July 31, 2023. Tickets issued after January 1, 2023 are not eligible for this program. Upon participation, participants are hereby granted an automatic waiver of late fees and suspension fees and are eligible to have their bench warrant or attachments recalled.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any participant of this Amnesty Program wishing to pay their fine and court costs must first request an amendment of their ticket through the District Attorney's Office by report to its Traffic Division with two (2) copies of their tickets obtained from the Clerk of Court and to obtain an Amnesty Stamp on their ticket for approval. Upon obtaining the Amnesty Stamp, participants are to pay their ticket(s) immediately at the Sheriff's Office. There is no need for persons who wish to participate in the program to report to the Traffic Court or Misdemeanor Court to appear before a Judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the St. Tammany Clerk of Court is authorized to recall any all suspensions and attachments of all persons who participate in the program upon proof of payment of all fines and court costs to the Sheriff's Office. The Clerk of Court is also authorized to issue the appropriate CLEARANCE LETTER to the person for use as proof of payment of all tickets to the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) to clear any holds/flags from their driver's license. This Order does not authorize the waiver of any reinstatement fees owed to DMV by the participant.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the ST. TAMMANY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TRAFFIC COLLECTIONS DIVISION is authorized to collect all fines and court costs and waive all late fees and suspension fees for any tickets deemed eligible by the District Attorney's Office Traffic Division.

FOR THE COURT: *April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023*



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HON. WILLIAM H. BURRIS  
Chief Judge

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