KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

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) No. 25-02
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) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Re: CLERK ACTION ON FILED
DECLARATIONS OF NONRESPONSIBILITY FOR PHOTO
ENFORCEMENT INFRACTIONS

King County District Court processes photo enforcement infractions as authorized by R.C.W. 46.63.220. The registered owner of a vehicle is presumed responsible for these infractions. R.C.W. 46.63.220(10). The registered owner may overcome this presumption by filing of a "Declaration of Non-Responsibility" submitted under penalty of perjury with the court. R.C.W. 46.63.075(2).

Therefore, it is now ORDERED:

When a "Declaration of Non-Responsibility" under penalty of perjury is filed in a photo enforcement infraction matter, the clerk shall:

- Search the license plate number noted on the infraction in the King County District Court case management system or the photo enforcement vendor system to determine how many other photo enforcement infractions have been issued to that license plate in the five years prior to the date the infraction was issued.
- Check if there is more than one registered owner.
- If the license plate has had three or fewer camera tickets in a five-year period, and there is only one registered owner, the clerk is authorized by this order to dismiss the matter without prejudice.
- If the license plate has had three or fewer camera tickets in a five-year period, and each registered owner has signed a "Declaration of Non-Responsibility," the clerk is authorized by this order to dismiss the matter without prejudice.
- If the license plate has had more than three camera tickets issued in a five-year period, the clerk shall set the matter for a contested hearing for an in-person appearance only.
- If all registered owners have not signed a "Declaration of Non-Responsibility," the clerk shall set the matter for a contested hearing for an in-person appearance only.

Done this 18th day of September, 2025

Rebecca Robertson, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court