

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

) NO. 22-04  
) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
)  
) Replaces GAO 22-03  
)  
) FTA Failure to Appear Infractions

**WHEREAS**, the Court recognizes that persons may have an inability to appear in person or remotely for infraction hearings and access to justice is important. Non-appearance in these matters results in a Failure to Appear (FTA) Court Minute Entry, additional fees being imposed, and, when required, reporting of such FTAs to the Department of License which can result in license suspensions; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure to appear or respond and license suspensions for non-criminal matters has had a negative economic impact on individuals across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, access to public transportation is limited and where available, may pose an increased risk to some populations.

**WHEREAS**, there are many populations for whom the utilization of a vehicle is the only means of transportation for employment, medical needs, and essential services; and

**THEREFORE, it is now ORDERED:**

If a defendant or their attorney contacts the court within one year of the date of the citation being issued, by telephone or in writing, and requests to have their ticket status reviewed, the defendant may have a contested or mitigation hearing, one time only. The clerk shall set a contested or mitigation hearing as requested, vacate the committed finding(s) and any penalty(ies) imposed, remove any FTA order, remove any FTA penalty, and recall the case from collections (if it has been referred to collections).

This GAO replaces GAO 22-03 upon the signing of this Order.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022



Corinna Harn, Assistant Chief Presiding Judge  
King County District Court

*for Chief Presiding  
Judge York*