

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2007-015

IN RE: NOTICE TO APPEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature created a number of statutes whose violation constitutes a misdemeanor or civil infraction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Administrative Code has created a number of regulations whose violation constitutes a misdemeanor or civil infraction, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a uniform reporting document that can be used to refer criminal and civil violations of municipal and county ordinances to the Court, and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has determined that the adoption of a uniform document for the reporting of non-traffic civil infractions is a local decision, and

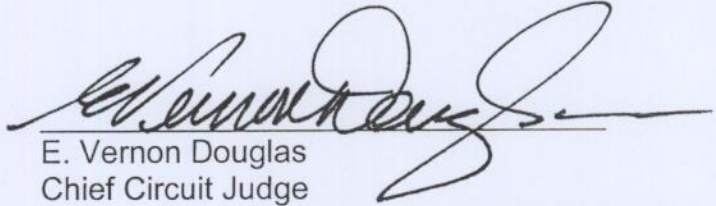
**WHEREAS**, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure 3.125 requires the Chief Judge to authorize law enforcement agencies of the Third Judicial Circuit to issue, in appropriate cases, a Notice To Appear to persons required to appear before the Court, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for law enforcement officers to be authorized to issue a Notice to Appear that can be used to refer misdemeanor crimes, civil infractions, criminal and civil violations of municipal and county ordinances to the court when the defendant is not arrested or is released on the defendant's own recognizance by a law enforcement officer and,

It is **THEREFORE**

**ORDERED** that pursuant to Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure 3.125 all Law Enforcement Agencies in the Third Judicial Circuit are authorized to issue a Notice to Appear to refer misdemeanor crimes, civil infractions, criminal and civil violations of municipal and county ordinances to the court when the defendant is not arrested or is released on the defendant's own recognizance by a law enforcement officer.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, this 16 day of October, 2007.

  
E. Vernon Douglas  
Chief Circuit Judge

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