



SUPERIOR COURT

COUNTY OF MADERA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Summary of Proposed Amendments to Local Rules

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments to the Court's Local Rules ("Rules"), are part of the Court's continuing effort to review, correct, and update its Rules as needed.

Below is the full text of proposed local rules with deletions noted in ~~strikethrough~~ and additions noted in underline.

1.2.2 Effective Date of Rules. These rules are effective July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 and on the effective date shall supersede any previous local rules of the Madera County Superior Court and Madera County Municipal Court. (Effective 7/1/08, amended 1/1/13, 1/1/15, 1/1/17, 7/1/20, 7/1/21).

1.2.3 Construction and Effect of Local Rules. The local rules shall be construed as follows:

(a) The local rules are supplementary of and subject to the California Rules of Court and the Code of Civil Procedure and shall be construed so that they do not conflict with state rules or statutory or case law.

(b) The local rules have no retroactive effect.

(c) The local rules shall be construed liberally to ~~affect~~ effect the ends of justice and efficient administration of the Court. Where the strict application of a rule would work an injustice to any party, each Judge of this Court may excuse compliance with such rule, as the ends of justice may require.

(d) Headings, chapter and rule subdivisions do not affect the scope, meaning or intent of these rules.

(e) Unless the context of the rule otherwise requires,

(1) The singular includes the plural and the plural the singular

(2) “May” is permissive, and “shall” is mandatory, and,

(3) The past, present and future each include the other tenses.

(Effective 7/1/08, [7/1/21](#))

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(b) For each matter referred by the Court for a Limited Scope child custody investigation or evaluation or an Expanded Mediation, Family Court Services shall collect a charge of \$200.00 per parent. These charges may be increased, or otherwise changed, from time to time by Policy Memorandum. Upon referral to Family Court Services, it is the parties’ responsibility to contact Family Court Services to initiate the intake process. (Effective 7/1/08, amended 7/1/14, 1/1/17, amended and renumbered 7/1/21)