

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFENDANT FOR REMOTE PROCEEDING

A court may by local rule permit remote arraignments for traffic infraction cases. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 4.220.) If the court where your case is filed permits remote proceedings (RP), you may be able to appear remotely as allowed by local rule without having to appear in person in court. RP are available in cases involving Vehicle Code infractions or local ordinances adopted under the Vehicle Code. The procedure does not apply to traffic offenses that involve drugs or alcohol or are filed in Informal Juvenile and Traffic Court. The procedure provides a convenient process for resolving cases by consideration of disputed facts and evidence with use of two-way audio communication between the court and a defendant. The instructions below explain procedures for requesting RP for traffic infraction cases:

1. Return the completed and signed form to the clerk with payment of bail, if required by the court. A completed form **RI-TR019** with a deposit of the required bail payment, if required, must be received by the clerk by the appearance date on the Notice of Elections re Traffic Proceedings (TR024) or continuation date granted by the court. If the form is received after the due date or without deposit of bail as required, the court may require a court appearance. ***Failure to file the form and deposit bail as required by the due date may subject you to other charges, penalties, assessments, and actions, including a civil assessment under Penal Code section 1214.1 of up to \$300 and a hold on your drivers license.***
2. When the clerk receives a timely request for RP with payment of the bail as ordered by the court, the court will rule on the request and provide notice of the court's decision on eligibility for RP. If the court denies the request, the court may order you to respond within ten (10) court days of the notice of the order to schedule an arraignment or appear in court. If the court approves the request, the court will notify you and the officer of the extended date and location to appear. The court may grant a request by the officer who issued the ticket to appear in court while you appear at the remote location.