

**IN THE FORT PECK TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE  
ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-5.0**

**ORDER ON FILING FEE WAIVER OF COURT MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Court issues an administrative ORDER recognizing the policy of filing fee waivers for civil matters. Generally filing fee waivers are not allowed, but the Court understands there may be circumstances warranting a filing fee waiver.

THEREFORE, the Court ORDERS the following:

1. Per tribal resolution, the filing fee will be waived for restraining orders and protection orders for persons receiving assistance through a domestic violence program. An advocate from the program may assist with the filing and notify the clerk of court the person is eligible for a waiver.
2. Consideration may be given for emergency situations or extenuating circumstances. This must be authorized in writing by a tribal judge. In order to determine qualification, a request to waive filing fee must be filled out explaining the situation and an indigency questionnaire must be completed to verify the inability to pay a fee.
3. There are no exceptions for certain fees. A fee waiver will not be granted for a marriage license, a divorce, an adoption, a traditional adoption, a name change, a home study, the bar exam application or a license to practice.
4. The Court will accept any filing, but it will not be processed until the fee is paid or the waiver is granted. A waiver request may take up to ten (10) business days to be processed.

This order is effective beginning May 25, 2023. This administrative order shall remain in effect until modified, vacated, or superseded by future policy.

DONE and DATED this 25th day of May, 2023.

  
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Stacie FourStar, Chief Judge