

Shasta County Superior Court Local Rules
Proposed Rule Changes
Effective July 1, 2026

Effective immediately, the proposed amendments to the Local Rules of Court for the Superior Court of California, County of Shasta are being submitted for comment pursuant to the applicable provisions of California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613, and are posted on the court's website (www.shasta.courts.ca.gov). The open comment period will end at 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2026. The Court will convene to consider adoption of the amendments in the early part of May for a July 1, 2026, effective date. Kindly send any written comments you may have concerning the proposed amendments to administration@shasta.courts.ca.gov.

RULE 2.18 RECORDING DEVICES IN THE COURTHOUSE BY NON-MEDIA

No videotaping, photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting or streaming of any kind is permitted by individuals in any part of the courthouse, including but not limited to the courtrooms, all interior spaces of the courthouse, and its entrances and exits. The Court designates the file viewing room located on the first floor next to the clerk's office as a location for the public to view and duplicate public court records pursuant to Government Code Section 68150(I). Notwithstanding the foregoing, personal devices or cameras may be used in the file viewing room solely to make a digital copy or photograph of the official public court file after first informing the clerk of the intended purpose and provided that the records are not disassembled. Violation of this rule may result in the confiscation of the device used to video, photograph or record, and may be the basis for a citation for contempt of court or an order imposing monetary or other sanctions as provided by law. Except as permitted pursuant to California Rules of Court Rule 1.150.

(Amended, effective ~~July 1~~ January 1, 2026)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SHASTA	
ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS	
Case Name:	Case No:

You have been charged with one or more criminal or traffic offenses. Before speaking with the judge, please carefully read this information.

Right to an attorney: You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint one to represent you, unless you are charged only with infractions. If the court appoints an attorney to represent you, the court will hold a hearing at the conclusion of your case to determine whether you have the financial ability to reimburse the county for the attorney. If you need time to hire an attorney, the court will give you a brief continuance. You also have the right to represent yourself.

Right to speedy trial/preliminary hearing: If you are charged with a felony, you have the right to a preliminary hearing within ten (10) court days from the day a “not guilty” plea is entered, and trial within sixty (60) calendar days from your arraignment date. If you are charged with a misdemeanor, you have the right to a trial within thirty (30) days if you are in custody or forty-five (45) days if you are not.

Right to a jury trial: If you are charged with a felony or a misdemeanor, or both, you have the right to a jury trial or a court trial. A court trial is one in which the Judge determines your guilt or innocence. A jury trial is one in which twelve members of the community determine your guilt or innocence. You are entitled only to a court trial if you are charged only with infractions or a violation of probation.

Right to cross-examine witnesses: You have the right to see and hear the witnesses who testify against you. You have the right to cross-examine those witnesses. You also have the right to present a defense, that is, to testify on your own behalf and to present evidence, and to use the court’s subpoena power to produce evidence and witnesses on your behalf, which can be done without expense to you if you cannot afford to pay for it.

Right against self-incrimination: You have the right against self-incrimination. This means that you may not be compelled to offer evidence or testimony against yourself.

Other important rights: If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense for which you have been charged may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

If you are in custody, you have the right to be released on reasonable bail, as determined by the court, or be released on your “own recognizance.” This right does not necessarily apply if you are charged with a capital offense.

If you are currently serving in the Military, are a Veteran, or are in the military reserve or the national guard, the law provides for certain unique rights if you have been charged with a crime. You may request a copy of the Judicial Council military form (MIL-100) that explains those rights. Filing this form with the court is optional and you should consult with your attorney before filing the form.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Possible "pleas": You may enter a plea of "guilty," "not guilty," "guilty with an explanation," "no contest," or "not guilty by reason of insanity." If you need clarification about any of the possible pleas, ask the Judge to explain it to you.

Maximum punishment: For most misdemeanor offenses, the maximum punishment is a \$1,000.00 fine and one (1) year in jail. The punishment for a felony offense varies depending upon the crime.

Work program: You will be eligible to have any fine(s) you owe converted to the work program. If you are interested, the Judge will explain the program to you. Failure to sign up, pay the administrative fee, or complete the program will result in a jail commitment.

Sentencing: Misdemeanor offenses will be sentenced immediately, unless you wish to postpone sentencing for not less than six (6) hours or up to five (5) days. Felony offenses **require** a referral to probation and will be set for sentencing within twenty (20) court days.

Additional Assessments: In addition to any fines imposed, you may also be required to pay restitution. Regardless, you will be required to pay a restitution fine of \$150.00 to \$1,000.00 for a misdemeanor conviction and \$300.00 to \$10,000.00 for a felony conviction. Penalty assessments in an amount set by statute will be added to any fines imposed.

Stipulation to Commissioner: You have the right to have your case heard by a Judge of the Superior Court. Periodically, a Commissioner may be assigned to sit in the courtroom where you will appear. If you stipulate that the Commissioner may sit as a Temporary Judge, the Commissioner will have the same powers as that of a judge. If you are represented by counsel, you may wish to discuss this right with your attorney.

I declare that I am the sole custodial parent of one or more minor children. _____ (initials)

I have read this document (or have had it read to me) and understand it.

Dated: _____ Defendant's printed name: _____

Defendant's signature: _____

I have read this document to the defendant.

Dated: _____ Reader's signature: _____

INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT

I, having been duly sworn or having a written oath on file, certify that I truly translated this form to the defendant in the language noted below.

Language: Spanish Other (specify): _____

Dated: _____ Interpreter's Signature: _____ Interpreter's Name: _____

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SHASTA	
Case Name:	
ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS (INFRACTIONS & SARB)	Case Number:

You have been charged with one or more infractions. Before speaking with the judge, please carefully read this information.

Right to an attorney: You have the right to an attorney. The court does not appoint attorneys to represent individuals charged only with infractions. If you wish to be represented by an attorney, it will be your responsibility to locate, retain, and pay for your attorney at your own expense. If you need time to hire an attorney, the court will give you a brief continuance. You also have the right to represent yourself.

Right to speedy trial: If you plead not guilty and deny the charges, you have the right to a court trial within 45 days, unless you waive that right or the court finds good cause to continue the matter.

Right to a court trial: A court trial is one in which the Judge determines your guilt or innocence.

Right to cross-examine witnesses: You have the right to see and hear the witnesses who testify against you. You have the right to cross-examine those witnesses. You also have the right to present a defense, that is, to testify on your own behalf and to present evidence, and to use the court's subpoena power to produce evidence and witnesses on your behalf.

Right against self-incrimination: You have the right against self-incrimination. This means that you may not be compelled to offer evidence or testimony against yourself.

Other important rights: If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense for which you have been charged may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

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I have read this document (or have had it read to me) and understand it.

Dated: _____

Defendant's printed name: _____

Defendant's signature: _____

I have read this document to the defendant.

Dated: _____

Reader's signature: _____

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Language: Spanish Other (specify):

Dated: _____

Interpreter's name: _____

Interpreter's signature: _____

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SHASTA		
Case Name:		
ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS (JUVENILE)		Case Number:

You have been charged with one or more criminal or traffic offenses. Before speaking with the judge, please carefully read this information.

Right to an attorney: If you have been charged in a juvenile petition, you have the right to an attorney at each stage of these proceedings. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint one to represent you, unless you are charged only with infractions. If your parent or guardian can afford but has not retained counsel, the court will appoint counsel and order the parent or guardian to reimburse the county for the expense.

Right to speedy court trial: You have a right to a speedy trial. You have a right to have a hearing/trial before a Judge who will evaluate all evidence to determine whether you have violated the law.

Right to cross-examine witnesses: You have the right to see and hear the witnesses who testify against you. You have the right to cross-examine those witnesses. You have the right to confront and cross-examine those who prepared police reports, probation reports or other documents considered by the court. You also have the right to present a defense, that is, to testify on your own behalf and to present evidence, and to use the court's subpoena power to produce evidence and witnesses on your behalf.

Right against self-incrimination: You have the right against self-incrimination. This means that you may not be compelled to offer evidence or testimony against yourself.

Other important rights: If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense for which you have been charged may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

I have read this document (or have had it read to me) and understand it.

Dated: _____ Minor's printed name: _____

Minor's signature: _____

Dated: _____ Parent/Guardian's printed name: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

I have read this document to the defendant.

Dated: _____ Reader's signature: _____

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