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NEWS RELEASE

Mariposa Superior Court to Offer Online Ability to Pay Tool for Infractions

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As part of the Mariposa County Superior Court's ongoing effort to increase access to justice, Mariposa Court became the newest California court to begin using MyCitations: an online option for people struggling to pay fines related to infractions.

In October 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice "Price of Justice Initiative" grant, was awarded to the Judicial Council of California. Grant funds were used for development and implementation of the MyCitations: Ability to Pay Tool. With the passage of Assembly Bill No. 143 (chapter 79, Statutes of 2021) each of the 58 trial courts will offer online ability-to-pay determinations using MyCitations by June 30, 2024. The tool is currently available in Mariposa with additional courts offering the tool in the coming months.

The tool allows court users to look up citations online, answer a series of simple questions and submit a request to the court for a possible reduction in the amount owed based on their financial situation. Users can also request a payment plan, more time to pay, or community service.

This new option saves both time and resources and allows the public to make requests without the need to appear in court. Prior to the implementation of this tool, only those that had previously made payment arrangements with the court could pay online.

A link to the MyCitations tool can be found on the court's website or reached directly at <u>https://mycitations.courts.ca.gov</u>

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