

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2012-045 PI-CIR

RE: ACCEPTING OF CREDIT CARDS TO POST BONDS

In Administrative Order 2010-033, the Chief Judge authorized the Pinellas Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Pinellas County Sheriff to accept credit card and debit card payments for criminal cash bail bonds in amounts up to and including \$750.00.

In order to increase the threshold amount, promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in all courts in Pinellas County, and make government services more convenient to the public under section 215.322, Florida Statutes, and

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Pinellas Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Pinellas County Sheriff, as designated by the Clerk under section 903.105(2), Florida Statutes, are authorized to accept credit card and debit card payments for criminal cash bail bonds in amounts up to and including \$2,500.00.

2. The Pinellas Clerk and the Pinellas County Sheriff are authorized to impose a surcharge for such payments in accordance with Florida Statutes.

3. All fees and surcharges associated with payment by credit card or debit card shall continue to be borne by the person to whom the credit card or debit card is issued.

4. The Pinellas Clerk and the Pinellas County Sheriff shall continue to process such payments as cash bonds.

Administrative Order 2010-033 PI-CIR is hereby rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this ____ day of October 2012.

ORIGINAL SIGNED OCTOBER 30, 2012
BY J. THOMAS MCGRADY, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Pinellas Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff, Pinellas County
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator
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