

**SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COURT
IN AND FOR THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-01
TRAFFIC COURT DOCKET SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court has a continuing obligation to administer justice in a manner that is fair, accessible, fiscally responsible, and responsive to the needs of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Court docket has experienced a sustained and significant decline in filings over the past several months, as reflected in court records and observed docket activity; and

WHEREAS, recent Traffic Court sessions have concluded within minutes due to minimal case volume, including sessions in which only one matter appeared on the docket and only one party appeared before the Court; and

WHEREAS, despite the limited number of cases, Traffic Court sessions currently require the scheduled availability of judicial officers, court staff, and Tribal Police resources for extended periods of time, resulting in the inefficient use of personnel, administrative capacity, and public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Court has a duty to steward Tribal resources responsibly, including minimizing unnecessary expenditures related to judicial compensation, staff time, law enforcement availability, and operational costs, while ensuring meaningful access to the Court for litigants; and


WHEREAS, prior adjustments to the Traffic Court schedule have been made when warranted by caseload trends, including the reduction from weekly to bi-weekly sessions, and such adjustments have proven appropriate and effective; and

WHEREAS, current filing trends and docket utilization demonstrate that additional modification of the Traffic Court schedule is necessary to align court operations with actual demand and to better serve the interests of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and its constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Effective immediately**, Traffic Court shall be conducted **once per month**, on the **third Thursday of each month**, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
2. Only **one Traffic Court Judge** shall be scheduled to preside over Traffic Court each month. The Traffic Court Judges may coordinate internally to determine which judge will preside in any given month, provided that judicial coverage is maintained.
3. This schedule modification is intended to promote the efficient administration of justice, reduce unnecessary expenditure of court and Tribal Police resources, and ensure that judicial operations remain proportional to current caseload demands.
4. The Court shall continue to monitor Traffic Court filing trends and docket activity. This Administrative Order may be amended should future conditions warrant an increase or further adjustment in scheduled Traffic Court sessions.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 19 day of February, 2026.



Kristie L. Walsdorf
Chief Judge
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court