



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONO

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Public Notice:

Mammoth Lakes Courthouse to Close Every Third Friday

(The following courthouse closure is being done pursuant to Government Code §§ 68106, 68108)

Beginning on October 31, 2014, the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be closed to the public every third Friday through the remainder of this fiscal year (13 days). The 13 Fridays that the Court will be closed will be unpaid furlough days for court staff. The first Friday for closure of the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be October 31, 2014 with the next closure day on November 14, 2014. Closure days will continue on Friday's on an every three week basis for the remainder of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, except for the month of January 2015. In January 2015 one closure day, January 9, 2015 is two weeks from the previous furlough day of December 26, 2014. Closure Fridays for the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will end June 30, 2015. The following is a list of the 13 Friday closure days:

1. In 2014 - October 31, November 14, December 5, December 26
2. In 2015 - January 9, January 30, February 20, March 13, April 3, April 24, May 15, June 5, and June 26.

The Courthouse will be closed, although a judge will be available to conduct any criminal arraignments and examinations as required by statute, and to sign any orders or documents on an emergency basis. A drop box also will be available at the courthouse on Friday closure days to accept documents for same day filing. All documents deposited before 4:00 pm will receive a same day date and time stamp.

The every third Friday closures are necessary due to the deep cuts in the state funding allocated for the Superior Court of Mono County. For the past four years, the court has been able to avoid such action by adopting other cost saving measures and drawing upon a "rainy day fund" created through frugal financial management in earlier years. Beginning on June 30, 2014, however, a new law prohibits all California Superior Courts from retaining a rainy day fund that exceeds one percent of its operating budget from the prior fiscal year. Without its "rainy day fund," the Mono County Superior Court can no longer cover the shortfalls created by ongoing state budget reductions. Accordingly, the Court must close the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse for the thirteen listed Fridays (beginning on October 31, 2014 and ending on June 26, 2015).

If you would like to submit a written comment regarding the court closures described in this notice, please address them to Hector Gonzalez, Court Executive Officer, by e-mail to SuperiorCourt@monocourt.org or by regular mail to P.O. Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546