

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: City of Myrtle Beach Homeless Court Program

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The City of Myrtle Beach Homeless Court Program was established by order of this Court on September 24, 2018.¹

Pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Glenn V. Ohanesian, in addition to his other duties as Chief Judge of the City of Myrtle Beach Municipal Court, shall be assigned to preside over the Myrtle Beach Homeless Court. Pursuant to this assignment, Chief Judge Ohanesian may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Myrtle Beach Homeless Court. The Chief Judge may name successor judges as appropriate.

Upon successful completion by the participant, the Myrtle Beach Homeless Court Program will notify the Municipal Court. If a homeless participant fails to complete the program, or voluntarily withdraws, the charges shall be referred back to the Municipal Court for disposition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that participants in the Myrtle Beach Homeless Court shall be qualified for participation by criteria set forth by the Myrtle Beach City Attorney's Office in coordination and agreement with the Municipal Court Judge and the Myrtle Beach Public Defender's Office. The Myrtle Beach City Attorney's Office will determine which minor offenses are eligible for the Myrtle Beach Homeless Court Program. The Municipal Court Judge shall be responsible for administering the program and coordination with the Myrtle Beach City Attorney's Office, Myrtle Beach Public Defender's Office, law enforcement agencies, and all relevant homeless services and treatment providers to address proper rehabilitative treatment for substance abuse, physical and mental health problems, among other treatment services available.

¹ See Order 2018-09-24-02.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or modified by future order of the Chief Justice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Donald W. Beatty
Donald W. Beatty
Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina
February 8, 2024