

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN
AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

ORDER NO. L2002-08

PAYMENT OF FINES, COSTS, AND FEES IN COINS

This cause having come to the attention of the court as one which affects the efficient administration of justice within Lake County, and the court having the authority to enter administrative orders pertaining to the efficient administration of justice, and the court being otherwise duly advised, it is ORDERED:

1. The Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts in and for Lake County may refuse to accept payment of fines, costs, and fees in coins when the total amount of the coins exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00).

This order is entered with knowledge of the Clerk's policy to serve the public efficiently and effectively. This includes prompt, accurate handling of payments and provision of timely, correct receipts.

To better serve the public while making the best use of employees' time, the Clerk has adopted a procedure for the Courts Management Department. The procedure provides that the Clerk may refuse to accept payment of fines, costs, and fees in coins when the total amount of the coins exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00).

This procedure is justified because payment in coins slows down the receipting process, delays service to other customers, increases the weight of the daily deposit, and invites errors in counting the coins and giving a correct receipt.

The Clerk has directed his employees to inform persons who seek to pay with coins in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) that the Clerk will accept payment in the form of paper currency, a cashier's check, or a money order. The Clerk's policy also allows payment by personal check in non-criminal cases.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida,
this 26 day of February 2002.



DON F. BRIGGS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
LAKE COUNTY