

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 02-26**

**WHEREAS**, D.C. Official Code (2001) § 46-214(c), Termination of Withholding, requires that the Court have a process in place to cease wage withholding and to return funds to the obligor when the Court is unable to deliver child support payments because the custodial parent's address is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, such funds, if not returned, increase the amount of undistributed payments in the Court's child support account and undermine the effectiveness of the Child Support Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court is experiencing a significant increase in the number of dishonored checks presented for child support payments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a form of contempt of court to present a dishonored check for payment of child support or other related obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the disbursement of funds to obligees based upon dishonored checks does not comply with accepted accounting practices and poses a risk to the solvency of the child support account;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the attached Procedures for Compliance with D.C. Official Code § 46-214(c), Termination of Withholding, and Procedures for Dishonored Checks are hereby promulgated and made applicable to circumstances requiring termination of withholding under D.C. Official Code § 46-214(c) and to circumstances involving dishonored checks.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

October \_\_\_, 2002

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Rufus G. King, III, Chief Judge

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