

On October 7, 2025, the Nebraska Supreme Court approved the following rule amendments to the Rules of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District and to the Douglas County Court Rules:

**District 4**

**Rules of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District**

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