

SEAGOVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT RULES

The following order for **COURTROOM ATTIRE AND BEHAVIOR** shall apply to all persons entering the Seagoville Municipal Courtroom.

All persons shall be dressed in a dignified and respectful manner. The following items **expressly prohibited**, unless authorized by the Court for legitimate reasons:

- No hats, caps or other headwear not required by religion
- No shorts
- No tank tops or halter tops
- No exposed underwear or bras
- No sagging or drooping pants
- No short skirts or dresses
- No bare feet
- No offensive, violent, obscene or suggestive slogans or pictures on clothing
- No drug related images, symbols or affiliations on clothing or depicted on jewelry
- No sunglasses, unless required by prescription

ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING CELL PHONES, PAGERS, IPODS, IPADS, PDA'S, CAMERAS, HANDHELD GAMES, AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS shall be turned OFF while in Court, unless expressly authorized by the Court for trial presentation purposes.

No weapons allowed (including, but not limited to guns, knives, pepper spray/mace, razorblades, scissors, etc. The only exception being peace officers assigned as bailiffs to the Municipal Court, or peace officers on official business. All other persons are prohibited from possessing the aforementioned items within the Municipal Courtroom. Off-duty police officers, federal agents or other law enforcement officials who are armed must make it known to the bailiff, who will inform the Presiding Judge. The Presiding Judge may limit who carries a weapon into the courtroom.

All persons shall act in a dignified and respectful manner. Conduct that disrupts court proceedings or offends that dignity of the court, and offensive or childish behaviors that tend to bring the court into disrepute, may constitute direct contempt. The following acts are prohibited, unless authorized by the Court for legitimate reasons:

- No disruptive conversation/talking while the court is in session.
- No leaning or placing of arms on the Judge's bench.
- No eating, drinking or chewing gum, except with the expressed permission of the Court.
- No offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist or obscene language, except as evidence of conduct or testimony of facts in trial.
- No horseplay or disruptive behavior.

Anyone violating this order may be asked to leave the Court, may be found in contempt of Court, and may be subject to a fine, jail or both pursuant to Section 21.002(c) of the *Texas Government Code*.

Honorable Cass R. Callaway
Presiding Judge
Seagoville Municipal Court of Record