

STANDING ORDERS GOVERNING COURT DECORUM CHINA GROVE TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Order shall be maintained at all times while conducting court business appearing before the court or court staff. Violation of this rule can result in a reprimand by the Judge, expulsion from the courtroom and/or Court Staff working area, or a contempt citation.
 - A. Unless an attorney is making an objection, only one person may speak at a time.
 - B. No one may talk while the Judge is talking.
 - C. Participants will address the Court, Prosecutor, Bailiff, and Court Staff with respect.
- Absolutely no weapons shall be brought into the courtroom and areas surrounding the courtroom. Commissioned peace officers may bring weapons into the courtroom. The Judge and Bailiff shall have the discretion to have any weapon removed from the courtroom.
- In order to maintain cleanliness and decorum in the courtroom, no open containers of food or drink shall be consumed in or brought into the courtroom, except with permission of the Judge.
- All persons in the courtroom shall be seated, except when addressing the Judge or Jury, when a seat is not available, when directed to rise by a court officer, or with permission of the Judge.
- All persons shall dress appropriately for all court proceedings. Inappropriate attire includes but is not limited to clothing with inciteful, or obscene language or images, pants that sag and/or expose undergarments, tank tops, cut-off shorts, pajamas, and clothing that is dirty or unsanitary. Shoes shall be worn at all times. No hats, caps or sunglasses shall be worn in the courtroom except with permission of the Judge.
- All electronic devices shall be turned off or in silent mode. Any devices which interferes with the Court's operation may be confiscated, and will be returned to the owner at 5:00 p.m. Upon confiscation of all electronic devices the **City of China Grove, Texas is not responsible** for the condition of the device upon return to the owner.
- Taking photographs and audio and/or video recording in the courtroom and court business areas are strictly prohibited, unless authorized by the Court. Violation of this rule **SHALL** result in a reprimand, expulsion from the courtroom, or a contempt citation.

So Ordered this 15th day of June, 2018.





LAWRENCE G. MORALES
Presiding Judge
City of China Grove