

MANDATORY RULES OF ATTIRE AND CONDUCT FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT ONE, PLACE ONE, THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOE BENAVIDES

ALL PERSONS present in the Courtroom shall be neatly dressed in a manner that shows dignity and respect for the Court.

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE INCLUDES:

Shorts, cut-offs, baggy pants, oversized coats (jackets), flip flop style shoes, hats, cropped shirts, muscle shirts, clothing indicating gang affiliation or other clothing with offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist obscene, suggestive words, slogan, depictions, or pictures, including grotesque creatures.

COURTROOM CONDUCT:

Conduct in the "Courtroom" also includes the reception/foyer area, jury room and/or any office space assigned to the Justice Court.

1. Any type WEAPONS are PROHIBITED in the Courtroom and this building EXCEPT for LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL (Peace Officers).
2. Absolutely no cellular phones on/seen in the courtroom.
3. Be on time.
4. Adhere to the Bailiff's instruction.
5. Address the court as "Judge or "Your Honor" Do not argue with the court.
6. Address opposing parties, counsel, witnesses and court officers as "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Miss", "Dr.", etc. Do not use first names, except with children 14 years of age and younger.
7. Do not approach the Judge's bench without permission. Do not have hands in pockets and do not lean on the Judge's bench.
8. Racist, sexist, obscene, or profane language is prohibited unless it is pertinent to a case, and is elicited and quoted from facts in the case.
9. Do not chew gum in the Courtroom or bring drinks or food items into the Courtroom.
10. Do not enter or depart the Courtroom excessively and do not slam the doors.
11. Do nothing to disturb or distract the court, counsels, witnesses or other court personnel.
12. All property in the Courtroom and reception area must be treated with respect. No writing on any papers posted or furniture.
13. No recording devices are allowed without judicial approval.
14. Respect court personnel at all times.
15. Shirts will be tucked in and belts worn on all pants that have loop holes.

PRO SE parties: (individuals representing themselves without attorney) should be prepared to present their cases in a proper and orderly manner. It is not the court's duty to represent you nor instruct you on how to prove your case.