

STANDING RULES OF ADMINISTRATION AND COURT DECORUM

1.1 OBJECTIVE

In accordance with section 27.061 of the Texas Government Code, the Justice of the Peace in each County shall adopt Local Rules of Administration, in addition section 15.0821, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and Article 4.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, require that the Justice of the Peace in every county adopt Local Rules of Administration for the Transfer of Both Civil and Criminal cases pending in one Precinct to a different Precinct. The following guidelines will be adopted for the Administration, Assignment, Docket transfer and Hearing of cases.

1.2 SCOPE

These Rules govern only cases and hearings within the Justice Courts of Grimes County, Texas, in which they have Statutory and Administrative Authority.

1.3 ORGANIZATION

Each court is a separate entity with their own office, clerks, and justices. These courts operate within their assigned precincts.

1.4 CALENDER

Each Justice Court maintains a Docket of Scheduled Hearings and Trials.

1.5 BENCH EXCHANGE

The Justice of the Peace for Grimes County, Texas have entered into a Bench Exchange Agreement which is renewable annually. This is necessary in case a Judge should need to recuse themselves from a particular case, or is temporally absent due to illness, vacation, etc...

1.6 RECORDING OR BROADCASTING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Unless written permission is obtained from the Presiding Justice of the Peace, recording or broadcasting of court proceedings is prohibited. This however does not impend anyone from attending an open court session.

1.7 ATTORNEYS

Indigent Defendants are not entitled to a Court Appointed Attorney in Justice Court Cases. However, A Plaintiff or Defendant may choose to be represented by an attorney at their own expense. Any attorney requesting to withdraw or request a substitution from a case must notify the court in writing at least 5 days prior to the Hearing or Trial.

1.8 JURY SELECTION

Jury selection is conducted with the same jury selection process as the Grimes County Court at Law and the District Court.

1.9 TRANSFER OF CASES

Any case where venue has been challenged by the defendant and the presiding Judge has granted a change of venue, that case shall be transferred to the Justice Court with the proper venue.

1.10 COURTROOM RULES

All person entering the courtroom will be clean, neat and dressed in a manner that shows dignity for the court.

Men must wear shirts with sleeves, long pants, shoes or boots.

Women will wear appropriate clothing which is not DESIGNED TO PROVOKE. No undergarments will show, no shorts will be allowed. Women may wear opened toe shoes.

Weapons Are Prohibited in the courtroom and building, except those carried by Law Enforcement Personnel.

All individuals entering the courtroom are subject to be search.

All parties are required to be on time for court.

Newspapers, magazines, books, etc... will not be allowed.

Do not approach the Judges Bench without permission.

No Food or Drinks are allowed in the courtroom.

Do not disrupt the court proceedings by creating distractions or talking, small children must be kept under control.

Cell phones will be silenced.

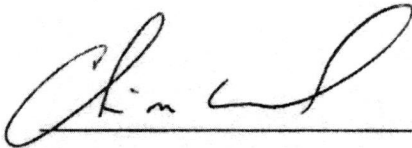
No recording devices will be allowed without judicial approval. Pro-se parties (individuals representing themselves) should be prepared to present their case. It is not the courts duty to instruct you on how to present your case.

Self Help Litigation Packets are available upon request.

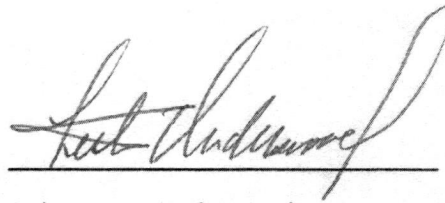
These Rules of Administration and Court Decorum are hereby adopted by the
Justice Court Judges of Grimes County

Adopted January 11, 2023

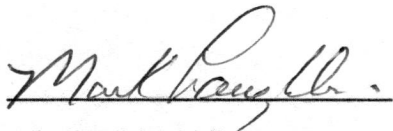
Approval

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Judge Chris Acord
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
Grimes County

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Judge Lester Underwood
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
Grimes County

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Judge Mark Laughlin
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
Grimes County