

RULES OF THE COURT

MUNICIPAL COURT OF RICHLAND, TEXAS

The Richland Municipal Court is governed by the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of Texas.

All persons shall respect the court and facilitate justice, the following rules of decorum shall be applicable to matters heard in the Municipal Court in Richland, Texas.

Conduct Required of All Persons While Attending Court,

1. The Court requires that everyone interacts with court personnel in an official capacity to conduct themselves respectfully.
2. Disorderly conduct, including offensive, racist, sexist, vulgar, threatening language or behavior while on the Municipal Court premises, including the lobby, will not be tolerated. Abusive or disorderly conduct towards staff, judge or prosecutor will be subject to removal from the Municipal Court by the Peace Officer.
3. All people entering the courtroom are required to pass through the metal detector. Any person refusing to pass through the metal detector or having their belongings searched for will not be allowed entry to the courtroom. All personal property including purses, briefcases, handbags, fanny packs, and outer clothing is subject to search by a peace officer at any time.
4. Address the Judge as “Judge” or “His or Her Honor”/” Your Honor”, or “Yes Sir/Ma’am” or “No Sir/Ma’am” during proceedings.
5. No weapons are allowed in the courthouse in accordance with Texas law.
6. Proper attire must be worn for courtroom appearances, e.g. no clothing indicating gang affiliation or showing offensive, vulgar, racist or obscene language is allowed. Underwear must not be exposed. Please remove hats, caps, and sunglasses not required by a prescription etc. before entering the courtroom. An exception is any head wear that is of religious significance.
7. All cellular phones and other electronic devices should be turned off before entering the courtroom. No video or audio recording is allowed in the courtroom.
8. No food or tobacco products are allowed in the courtroom during court proceedings, including snuff or e-cigarettes.
9. The court discourages bringing small children to court appearances; however, should they appear, they must remain under constant parental supervision. Parents of children will maintain control of their children preventing disruptive behavior

10. No music shall be played in the courtroom while the Judge is on the bench unless directed to do so by the Judge or by court personnel.

11. Persons shall remain seated in the courtroom unless the Judge is taking or leaving the bench.

12. No one shall approach the bench unless directed at doing so by the Judge or having received the Judge's permission to approach the bench.

13. Dockets shall begin promptly at the scheduled times. All parties must arrive on time for the court proceedings. Late parties will be counted absent unless excused by the Judge.

14. The Peace Officer of the court reserve the right to deny access to any person or item for the safety of all concerned.

15. Peace Officer shall carry out other directives and orders issued by the Judge.

16. All attorneys and pro se defendants are required to conform their conduct to the above stated Rules of Decorum. Violation of the Rules of Decorum may constitute Contempt of Court and may be punishable by a fine and/or confinement pursuant to Section 21.002(c), Government Code.

Entered on this 15th day of Oct 2025.

Connie Hickman,

Presiding Judge Richland/Angus Municipal Court.