

Courtroom Code of Conduct

When visiting the City of Ashford Municipal Court, please abide by the following rules of conduct while court is in session. This is for the consideration of court proceedings and those around you.

- You must silence all cell phones and electronic devices while court is in session. An officer will confiscate any devices in violation of this rule and return it when court is over.
- You should dress appropriately for court. You should not wear shorts, tank tops, muscle shirts, dirty or torn clothing. You should wear clothing that fits and does not expose your mid-section. Jeans, pants, should be worn at waist. No pants below the waistline. No t-shirts with offensive slogans or pictures allowed. Men and women will not be allowed to wear hats, caps, do-rags, or scarves in the court room. No hoods or sunglasses may be worn inside the court.
- Children under six years of age will not be permitted in the courtroom.
- You should find a babysitter for your child. Court is no place for children. If you have no alternative but to bring them with you, you will be expected to keep them under your supervision. If your children disrupt proceedings, they will be asked to leave.
- You will be expected to be on your best behavior while visiting the court. You will be expected to be polite, courteous, and respectful to the judge, court personnel, and your fellow citizens.
- Unless previous arrangements are made, it is mandatory you to be at court by 9:00am.
- You will not be allowed to bring food or drink into the courtroom.
- You will not be allowed to enter the Municipal Court with any type of weapon.
- You will not be permitted to bring cameras or any type of recording device into the court room.
- You will not be permitted to use any type of tobacco products inside the Municipal Court Building.