

IN THE YAKIMA MUNICIPAL COURT

COUNTY OF YAKIMA, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF COURTROOM

DECORUM,

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

26-01

A. PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING, TELEVISIONING, BROADCASTING

The taking of photographs or electronic recording of proceedings in the courtroom and the broadcasting of judicial proceedings by radio, television, or other means is prohibited, except as provided by this order and General Rule 16 (GR 16).

For the purpose of this order, “judicial proceeding” means: (1) any hearing required to be held “on the record” by Supreme Court rule including, but not limited to, preliminary hearings, arraignments, any pre-trial proceedings, motions, bench and jury trials, sentencing hearings, post-conviction hearings, mitigation and contested infraction hearings, and any civil impound hearings; (2) any proceedings before a judicial officer, including a judge, court commissioner, or judge pro-tem; (3) all sessions of any jury trial including jury orientation or selection, and (4) it shall include all witnesses, jurors, judicial officers and court employees.

“Courtroom” of the Yakima Municipal Court includes Courtroom #1 and Courtroom #2 of the Yakima Municipal Courthouse, witness or jury rooms.

“News media” carries the same meaning contained in RCW 5.68.010(5) and *Green v. Pierce County*, 197 Wash.2d 841, 850, 487 P.3d 499 (2021).

B. CELL PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TEXT MESSAGING

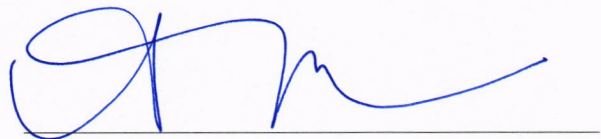
Lawyers, defendants and members of the public may carry cell phones or other portable devices into the court facility. When in any courtroom, all phones or other portable electronic devices shall be turned off or silenced. No phone, voice or video calls shall be made or received within any courtroom. It is the responsibility of the possessor of the device to ensure that any activity or transmissions do not interfere with court proceedings.

Failure to comply with this section may result in the confiscation of the cell phone or other portable electronic device and may include a fine or incarceration for Contempt pursuant to inherent constitutional authority of the court.

C. EXCEPTIONS

1. The following exception applies to sections A and B above:
 - a. Court, probation, or law enforcement personnel conducting official business.
2. With the consent of the courtroom's judicial officer, or the presiding judge of the court, the following exceptions may be granted to sections A and B above:
 - a. News media conditions and limitations as addressed in GR 16.
 - b. Ceremonial proceedings, including, but not limited to weddings, law enforcement officer swearing-in ceremonies, or a judge or judicial officer's investiture.
 - c. For the limited purpose of presenting evidence, perpetuation of the record of proceedings, and security.
 - d. For the purposes of judicial administration.
 - e. As otherwise authorized by the court.

DATED at Yakima, Washington this 2nd day of September 2026.



Judge Aryn M. Masters

Presiding Judge, Yakima Municipal Court