

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-001

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ADDRESSING THE USE OF AUDIO RECORDERS, VIDEO RECORDERS AND/OR COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

The Judge of the City of Fairfield Municipal Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. The Court has previously banned the public from bringing into the courthouse communication and recording devices such as cellphones.
2. Daily, the public relies on a cellphone to stay in touch, access information, navigate, manage schedules and even work on the go.
3. The Court has weighed the interests of protecting the identities of victims, witnesses and jurors versus the public's ability to possess and use audio, video recording and/or communication devices in the courthouse.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Audio recorders, video recorders and/or communication devices can be possessed by the public in the courthouse only if they are turned off.
2. At no time shall an audio recorder, video recorder and/or communication device be used to photograph and/or record a judicial officer, victim, witness, juror or court employee.
3. No audio recorder, video recorder and/or communication device shall be used in Courtroom A or Courtroom B without the express permission of the Judge or Judicial Hearing Officer.
4. Any audio recorder, video recorder and/or communication device used without permission, or which disrupts or otherwise interferes with a court proceeding, may be confiscated and will be considered contraband. Such items will be returned only with the permission of the Judge.
5. Any person violating this Administrative Order may be charged with Contempt of Court, a violation of Ohio Revised Code 2705.02.
6. This Administrative Order 2025-001 shall continue in full force and effect until withdrawn or changed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Judge Zachary O. Zoz

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