

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ADDRESSING THE USE OF COMMUNICATION
DEVICES IN THE FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT**

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

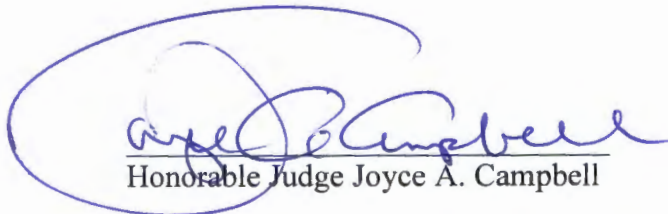
1. The Court has previously banned the public from bringing into the courthouse communication and recording devices such as cellphones.
2. Almost everyone relies on a cellphone on a daily basis to stay in touch, access information, navigate, manage schedules, and even work on the go.
3. The Court has weighed the interests of protecting the identities of victims, witnesses and jurors versus the publics' ability to possess a communication device in the courthouse.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Communication devices (audio or video recording) can be possessed by the public in the courthouse only if they are turned off.
2. At no time shall a communication device (audio or video recording) be used to photograph and/or record a Victim, Witness and or Juror.
3. No communication device (audio or video recording) including cell phones used for these purposes, shall be used in Courtroom A or Courtroom B without the express permission of the Judge or Hearing Officer.
4. Any 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 these Orders may be charged with Contempt of Court, a violation of Ohio Revised Code 2705.02.
6. This Administrative Order 2024-001 shall continue in full force and effect until withdrawn or changed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Honorable Judge Joyce A. Campbell