

## **BASIC CONDUCT REQUIRED OF ALL PERSONS ATTENDING COURT**

- A. No Smoking or use of tobacco products, including snuff or chewing tobacco.
- B. No eating of food, drinking of beverages, or chewing and/or popping of gum.
- C. No reading of extraneous materials, such as books, newspapers, or magazines while Court is in session.
- D. All personal computers and messaging devices must be turned off while Court is in session.
- E. No propping of feet or sitting on tables, railings, or on the backs of benches or chairs.
- F. No loud noises
- G. No standing in the Courtroom, particularly in front of the Bailiff or in front of the Bench, **except** when addressing the Court, or by the direction of the Judge, or as necessitated by the business of the Court. **No leaning on the Judge's bench.**
- H. No gestures, facial expressions, or sounds indicating approval or disapproval of a ruling by the Court or a comment of a witness.
- I. No unattended children in the Courtroom.
- J. No inappropriate attire. See dress code.
- K. No cellular telephones are to ring and no pagers are to sound in the Courtroom. Cellular telephones and pagers must be silenced.
- L. Head coverings may not be worn unless such items are religious in nature or a valid medical reason is presented to and accepted by the Court.
- M. No person other than the Judge who is presiding, a licensed peace officer employed by the City of Vidor, or a licensed peace officer employed with another agency transporting a prisoner to Court shall possess a weapon in the Courtroom. A pocket knife is considered a weapon.