



POLICY NO: 9-2

SECTION: Public Relations & Information

SUBJECT: Cell Phone Policy

PURPOSE: The use of a personal cell phone while in the facility of the 55th District Court may present a hazard or distraction to the operations and business of the court. This policy is meant to ensure that cell phone use is safe and does not disrupt the operations of the court.

POLICY

1. While in the 55th District Court building, all cell phones shall have any audio tone/ringer turned off. Cell phones may remain turned on, so long as only vibrate mode is operational.
2. Cell phones shall be turned off while in the courtrooms or hearing rooms.
3. Patrons of the court may use their cell phone while in the public lobby or hallways of the facility, provided their communication is not disruptive.
4. Patrons shall not use walkie-talkie functions of a cell phone while in the facility.
5. Use of any photographic function or audio recording function of a cell phone is strictly forbidden within the facility, unless it is being used during a wedding ceremony performed at the Court.
6. Patrons of the court shall not use a cell phone while being waited upon at any public counter. Limited cell phone use at a counter may be permitted if a phone call is necessary to acquire information necessary for the business transaction. Use of a cell phone at a public counter may result in service being denied at the counter.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in the cell phone being confiscated and/or the individual being removed from the building.