COURTROOM RULES OF CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE

The Justice of the Peace and her staff would like to familiarize you with the rules of Courtroom conduct and the Dress Code. If you have business with the Court, we would ask that you follow these simple rules:

Please wear appropriate clothing. Examples of appropriate clothing are as follows: long pants and shirt with sleeves and shoes for men; dress, skirt, long pants and a modest top and shoes for women. No shorts, halter tops, or revealing clothing. Clothing should be worn as designed to be worn not hanging off hips. It is not proper to wear a hat.

The Court recognized the fact that students like to wear "trendy" clothes. Some of this apparel is not appropriate for the Courtroom. We have the same "Dress Code" as your school does.

<u>Please be on time</u>. If you are late for your hearing, you will have to reschedule your hearing at the convenience of the Court.

Place all cell phones/pagers on silent for the duration of the hearing.

When the Judge enters the Courtroom, it is customary to rise and remain standing until the Judge is seated. At that time you may be seated.

You will be treated with dignity and respect and the Court expects the same courtesy.

If you are acting as your own attorney, please bring any documents or evidence that may support your case.

It is appropriate to address the Judge as "Your Honor or Judge".

You may address others involved as Sir, Mr., Miss, Mrs., Ms. Etc. First names can be used for a child when the child is 14 years of age or younger.

The Judge may ask you to approach the bench. Please do not lean on the bench.

Each person will have time to present his or her case. Please be respectful to the person who is testifying.

If you have children under the age of 10, a babysitter is suggested. The Courtroom is not a place for young children.

VISITORS ARE REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM TALKING IN THE COURTROOM WHILE A CASE IS BEING HEARD.