

VIRGINIA:

**IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD**

**IN RE: RULES GOVERNING THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC
 RELATIONS DISTRICT COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT
 7000 LUCY CORR BOULEVARD
 CHESTERFIELD, VIRGINIA 23832**

The Court is of the opinion that the rules set forth below are necessary to properly maintain safety and decorum in all offices, courtrooms and environs within the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court at 7000 Lucy Corr Boulevard. Accordingly, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-4, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. All persons seeking admission to the Courthouse shall be screened by magnetometer and, if requested to do so by the Sheriff or his deputies, or Sheriff civilian security staff, shall submit to a personal search before being admitted.
2. No firearms or weapons of any kind shall be brought into the Courthouse. The prohibition shall not apply to the Sheriff or his deputies, or to sworn law enforcement officers of the Chesterfield County Police Department, the Virginia State Police, officers of Virginia State University Police Department, or to Chesterfield County Fire Marshals and their deputies, when any such person is in the Courthouse for the lawful performance of official duties and also displays identification satisfactory to staff of the Courthouse.

3. Court reporters, in the performance of their official duties, may bring into the Courthouse the usual and necessary recording equipment. Licensed attorneys who display a current Virginia State Bar card may bring into the Courthouse a laptop computer or other device to project or display DVD or other video or audio recordings, if such video or audio recordings are necessary for a court proceeding.

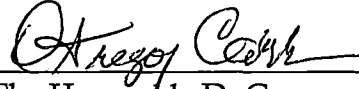
4. Courthouse visitors may bring portable electronic devices into the Courthouse. Portable Electronic Devices (“PED”) are defined as cell phones, personal computers, tablets, and smart watches. Court visitors may use the PED in the common areas of the Courthouse, including but not limited to the lobby and hallways. Upon entry into the Courthouse, the PED must be placed on silent mode and must remain silenced while in the Courthouse. **Court visitors are prohibited from taking any photographs, audio/video recording or live streaming.** The use of a PED is prohibited in the courtrooms, unless authorized by the presiding judge.

5. All entranceways, corridors, and approaches to courtrooms, offices, and other rooms in the Courthouse shall be kept clear for the purpose of free access thereto by those employed therein, or those who have business to transact in the Courthouse, subject to security measures undertaken by the Sheriff and his deputies with the approval of the Court.

6. The courtroom security deputies shall monitor courtroom ingress and egress at all times. Prior to the opening of Court, the public shall be admitted to each courtroom at the discretion and under the supervision of the courtroom bailiffs. After the public is seated and counsel are in place, the bailiff shall notify the Judge and formally convene the Court session.
7. All activities within the courtrooms and common areas of the Courthouse shall be consistent with the decorum required of legal proceedings. No activities that disrupt or have a tendency to disrupt the business of the courts shall be allowed within the Courthouse or on their exterior grounds.
8. The area of each courtroom within the rail is reserved for the defendant, counsel, members of the Bar, and Court personnel. No one else will enter without permission of the Court.
9. Items received as evidence shall be handled only by Court personnel. Attorneys and witnesses may handle evidence only by leave of Court.
10. The Court reserves the right to designate seating accommodations within each courtroom.
11. Smoking and “vaping” are prohibited within the Courthouse.

This Order supersedes any previous orders inconsistent herewith.

ENTER: April 1, 2021



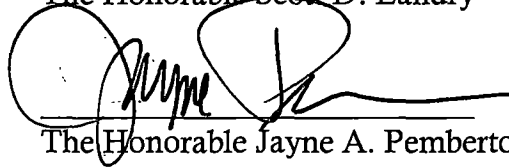
The Honorable D. Gregory Carr



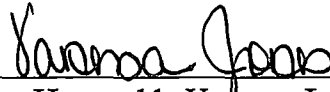
The Honorable J. David Rigler



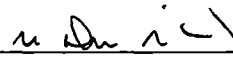
The Honorable Scott D. Landry



The Honorable Jayne A. Pemberton



The Honorable Vanessa L. Jones



The Honorable M. Duncan Minton, Jr.