CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT Standard Order #1 Courtroom Decorum

- 1. All counsel and any person appearing pro se in the East Mountain Municipal Court shall by entering an appearance acknowledge that he or she has read and is familiar with these Local Rules, the East Mountain Municipal Court's Standing Orders, the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and The Texas Lawyers Creed.
- 2. Counsel, parties, witnesses under their control, and members of the public must exercise good taste and common sense in matters concerning dress, personal appearance, and civil behavior when appearing in court or when interacting with court personnel.
- 3. No shorts, tank tops, or halter tops. No clothing with offensive, vulgar, obscene, antisocial, or racist slogans or depictions. No clothing that is inappropriately provocative or revealing.
- 4. All persons must follow the directions of the Bailiff.
- 5. Weapons are not allowed in the courtroom, in the lobby, or in any of the common areas used by the Court.
- 6. Food, drinks, and chewing gum are not allowed in the courtroom.
- 7. Tobacco is prohibited.
- 8. Hats and caps should be removed before entering the courtroom.
- 9. Mobile phones and electronic devices must be silenced before entering the courtroom.
- 10. Mobile devices may not be used to make or take phone calls in the courtroom without express permission from the Court.
- 11. No photography, audio capture/recording, video capture/recording, livestreaming, or any type of broadcasting is allowed in the courtroom without express permission from the Court.
- 12. No feet on tables, chairs, or fixtures.
- 13. No offensive, loud, abusive, or provocative language unless the language is part and parcel of evidence offered in a good faith effort to administer justice.
- 14. When court is in session, there shall be no talking or making noises of any kind unless participating in the matter then before the Court.
- 15. When court is in session, no person shall by any facial expression, nonverbal gesture, guttural utterances, or any other conduct exhibit approval or disapproval of any testimony elicited or any statement or transaction which has occurred in the courtroom.