

## **VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

### **ORDER: COURT BUILDING AND COURTROOM SECURITY**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 53.1-120 (A), the Sheriff shall ensure that the courthouses and courtrooms within this jurisdiction are secure from violence and disruption and shall designate deputies for this purpose. In order to assist the Sheriff in his efforts to provide proper security for the courts:

- Firearms or other weapons enumerated in Virginia Code § 18.2-283.1, chemical agents, incendiary devices, alcoholic beverages, marijuana, cameras or recording devices are not permitted in the Virginia Beach Judicial Center Court Building (Court Building) unless otherwise authorized.
- There shall not be any type of taping, filming or recording any interior portion of the Court Building unless otherwise authorized by the Court.
- Laptop computers, cellular telephones, camera phones or other electronic or personal communication devices are not permitted in the Court Building except by: (i) attorneys who display a bar photo identification card; (ii) police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, law enforcement agents or officials, probation officers and magistrates possessing proper credentials while in the conduct of such person's official duties; (iii) Judges, both active and retired; (iv) licensed bail bondsmen possessing identification issued by the Department of Criminal Justice Services; (v) City and State employees, possessing proper credentials, who work in the Court Building or who are in the Court's Building on official business; (vi) Court Reporters while on official court business, and (vii) other individuals granted authorization upon a determination by the Sheriff that they do not pose a security risk and the ability to access such device is necessary for their work at the Court Building; (viii) Individuals approved by the presiding judge and escorted by the Sheriff to utilize such devices for the presentation of evidence in a court proceeding.
- There shall be no loitering, congregating, or overnight parking in the parking areas surrounding the Court Building unless authorized by the Court.
- Unauthorized persons are prohibited from entering into the Judges parking lots.
- There shall be a 30-foot security zone surrounding the Judges parking lots. Persons may traverse the walkways located within the security zones but there shall be no loitering or congregating within a security zone.
- First Amendment expressive activities are to be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the City Administrative Directive 3.01 as it pertains to the Court Building.

A willful violation of this Order may be punished as contempt or prosecuted as trespass, as applicable.

This Order supersedes any prior security order.

ENTER: December 1, 2024



The Honorable Tanya Bullock, Chief Judge