

La Cygne Municipal Court

Things you need to know before going to court:

The Municipal Court of the City of La Cygne is hereby adopting the following Local Rules that were recently adopted by the 6th Judicial District:

Rule 1— Rules of Decorum

- Rule 1.1 Spectators will not be permitted to consume food or beverage in the courtroom. Spectators will not be permitted to read books, magazine, knit, or engage in any other activity which interferes with giving attention to the court proceedings.
- Rule 1.2 No Spectator, counsel, or party shall carry a sign or display pins, buttons, or other materials which is designed to communicate a position or message to others while a trial is proceeding.
- Rule 1.3 All administrative rules shall apply to any building occupied or used by the court, and to the environs of any such building. The rules shall be in effect at all times that judges or court personnel are present whether or not court proceedings are actively under way.
- Rule 1.4 All persons seeking entry to a courtroom are subject to search by the police department or other officers designated by the police department or by the court. Such search may include briefcases, parcels, backpacks, purses, or other containers carried by persons seeking entry to a courtroom.
- Rule 1.5 With the exception of weapons carried by law enforcement personnel, no weapons other than exhibits shall be permitted in any courtroom. No other person shall bring a weapon other than an exhibit into any courtroom unless specifically permitted by this rule. The court may require that any firearm intended for introduction as an exhibit, be presented to the court security for a safety check prior to its being brought into any courtroom.
- Rule 1.6 Attorneys or *pro se* litigants shall rise when addressing the court, and shall make all statements to the court from the counsel table or the lectern facing the court. They shall not approach the bench except upon the permission of the court.
- Rule 1.7 While questioning witnesses, attorneys or *pro se* litigants shall stand at the counsel table or at the lectern. They shall not approach the witness except with the court's permission. Only one attorney for each party may participate in the examination or cross-examination of a witness. When interrogating a witness, counsel shall not use first names, but shall always use surnames unless granted permission by the court. The same attorney shall conduct the examination of any objections pertaining to a witness.
- Rule 1.8 When appearing in court, all attorneys shall be suitably attired, and to the extent possible shall advise their clients to be similarly attired in apparel other than shirts without collars, shorts, sandals, overalls, and/or torn or tattered jeans.
- Rule 1.9 No smoking shall be permitted within the courtroom at any time.
- Rule 1.10 In keeping with the dignity and serious nature of court proceedings, proper attire is required in the courtrooms. No participant in a case may appear in t-shirts, tank —tops, tube-tops, cut-offs, shorts, or any other inappropriate clothing. Attorneys are responsible for ensuring that clients and witnesses comply with this dress code.

Rule 29 — Criminal Case Proceedings

- Rule 29.5 **Prosecutor to Tract Speedy Trial Time.** When any criminal case is scheduled for trial or continued for trial, the prosecutor shall review the speedy trial time elapsed and advise the assigned judge forthwith if the beginning trial date is not within the speedy trial provisions of K.S.A. 22-3402. The prosecutor is responsible for seeing that criminal trial settings comply with the speedy trial provisions of K.S.A. 22-3402.

Adopted this 4th day of January, 2021



Sheila M. Schultz
Municipal Court Judge

A copy of the Electronic and Photographic Media Coverage of Judicial Proceedings Rules are available upon request