

**THORNTON MUNICIPAL COURT – POLICY AND ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE 2022-14**  
**Courthouse Prohibited Items and Safety Procedures**

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The safety of the Court, its employees, and guests is of the utmost importance, therefore, all persons entering the courthouse will be required to proceed through our security screening procedures; refer to Policy 1995-1. Any weapons, or contraband that are located on an individual or within their belongings, will be seized and could result in legal action.

1. You are subject to search.
2. Court security officers and court staff are authorized to open and inspect any item carried into the courthouse.
3. No weapons of any kind, real or simulated, will be allowed in the courthouse except by a commissioned Thornton peace officer. Refer to Policy 1995 -1 regarding weapons by a peace offer from another jurisdiction or anyone specifically authorized by the Court to carry a weapon within the building.
4. Weapons include, but are not limited to:
  - Firearms or Ammunition
  - Crossbows
  - Knives of any kind or length
  - Brass knuckles
  - Explosive substances
5. No objects that can be fashioned to be used as a weapon are allowed in the courthouse such as tools, utensils, scissors, razors, box cutters, ice pics, safety pins, nail files, hair sticks, lighters, or any spray such as hair spray, pepper spray, tear gas, or mace.
6. No contraband of any kind is permitted to include alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia including vaping equipment.
7. No packages, suitcases, boxes, duffel bags, bullet-resistant clothing such as Kevlar, shopping bags, shopping carts, or containers, including glass water bottles, are permitted into the courthouse without prior approval from court security.
8. No smoking or vaping is permitted anywhere within the courthouse.
9. Repeated entrances and departures into the courthouse and courtrooms are to be avoided.
10. Doorways and passageways should always be kept clear.

Ordered this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023

BY THE COURT:



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Tiffany Sorice

Presiding Municipal Judge

Original effective date: February 15, 2023  
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