

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
CITY OF WARRENTON MUNICIPAL DIVISION**

**MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATING ORDER #4**

**Effective Date: Effective Date December 1, 2021**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**I. CELLULAR PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOM.**

Other than as set forth in this Section, in the interest of maintaining integrity in the Courtroom cellular phones and electronic devices shall be prohibited in the Courtroom during all Court proceedings. In the event any party desires to bring a cellular phone or electronic device into the Courtroom during any proceeding, motion, hearing or trial, the Court will conduct a brief hearing on whether to allow such individual to bring said item into the Courtroom. Guidelines for such approval shall be as follows:

- a. The proponent of bringing the cellular telephone or electronic device into the Courtroom must present a compelling interest for such request.
- b. This Court will weigh the compelling interest of the proponent in any such request.

**II. RETENTION OF RIGHTS.**

The Judge retains the right to post and enforce additional rules of conduct in order to maintain the integrity and decorum of the Courtroom.

These General Orders shall remain effective as of the date stated below, and are subject to amended orders as circumstances dictate.

SO, ORDERED:



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William C. Biermann  
Municipal Judge  
City of Warrenton, Missouri

Dated: November 30, 2021

cc: Hon. Jason H. Lamb, Presiding Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Court Administrator  
Prosecuting Attorney  
City Attorney  
Chief of Police