

IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI  
FERGUSON MUNICIPAL DIVISION

Now on this 18th day of March, 2015, the court issues the following administrative order relating to the municipal division docket scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015.

**LOCATION OF THE DOCKET**

The docket will be heard in the same location it always has been heard, which is the city council chambers at the Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street, beginning at 6 p.m.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES PROHIBITED**

Because the majority of defendants scheduled to appear during the docket are not represented by counsel, no media coverage shall be permitted pursuant to Supreme Court of Missouri Court Operating Rule 16.02(m). The rule defines “media coverage” to include “broadcasting, televising, electronic recording, or photographing of judicial proceedings for the purpose of gathering and disseminating news to the public or for the purpose of education.” COR 16.01(d).

As such, no device capable of taking pictures or capturing sound may be operated inside the room in which the docket is being held or immediately prior to the judicial proceeding. Such devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, computers, laptops, tablets, cameras, digital voice recorders or any other electronic devices capable of recording, photographing or video-recording. If an individual is unable to remove such a device from the courtroom, the individual will be required to turn off the device, place it in an envelope that will be provided for their use and keep it on their person. Any person who violates this policy without explicit permission of the court is subject to having the device confiscated.

Attorneys may bring their devices into the courtroom but must place them into silent mode and shall not use them except to check their calendar to aid the court in scheduling a case. Any attorney who violates this policy without explicit permission of the court is subject to having the device confiscated.

**MEDIA ACCESS**

To facilitate media coverage of the municipal division docket, special measures have been taken to provide a closed-circuit feed from the chambers where the docket is being held to the municipal division courtroom located at the offices of the municipal court division, 222 South Florissant Road. Media will be permitted to bring television or still cameras, audio recording devices, laptops, tablets and other electronic devices into this auxiliary room. Due to the prohibition of COR 16.02(m) against recording or photographing any defendant who is not represented by counsel, the feed that will be transmitted will focus on the judge conducting the docket.

For planning purposes, all media outlets interested in attending the proceeding shall make their requests to the media coordinator, Ed Rich of KSDK-TV, at [erich@ksdk.com](mailto:erich@ksdk.com), with a copy to Beth Riggert, communications counsel, at [beth.riggert@courts.mo.gov](mailto:beth.riggert@courts.mo.gov).

#### MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Judge Richter will not be available for interviews during the pendency of his assignment. Any updates regarding procedural issues will be provided through Beth Riggert, communications counsel. Any media questions should be directed to her at [beth.riggert@courts.mo.gov](mailto:beth.riggert@courts.mo.gov).

SO ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2015.

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Roy L. Richter, Judge