

Municipal Court, Town of Kiowa, Elbert County, Colorado Court Address: 404 Comanche St, P.O. Box 237 Kiowa, CO 80117 Telephone No. (303) 621-2366 Email: courtclerk@townofkiowa.com	COURT USE ONLY
STANDING ORDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COURTROOM	

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS:

WHEREAS concerns have arisen concerning certain types of improper uses of electronic devices in the courtroom in Kiowa Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS the Court wishes to have a policy that facilitates normal and proper use of such devices while prohibiting improper uses; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

In the courtroom, all electronic devices, except laptop computers or note-taking devices used solely for the purposes of taking notes, shall be turned off. Any electronic transmission of information from the courtroom is prohibited without the express consent of the Court. No person, except court personnel, may make a sound or photographic recording (still and/or video, including by laptop computer or other note-taking devices) of any proceedings or person, including, but not limited to, jurors, witnesses, or parties. Official transcripts of proceedings may be ordered through the office of the court clerk. Persons may use laptop computers or note-taking devices so long as such use is not disruptive of court proceedings and the computer is muted.

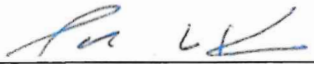
In all hallways and public areas of the building (other than courtroom): Electronic devices may be used so long as such use is not disruptive of court proceedings. Cell phones must be set to vibrate or silent ring settings and may not be used to capture images, videos, or sound recordings. Use of any type of audio-recording or video-recording device, including, but not limited to, cell phones in the clerk’s office, clerk’s window or counter, or assembly room, is strictly prohibited without express consent of the Court. The presiding judge may further restrict use and possession of electronic devices that are disruptive of court proceedings.

Media: Members of the media desiring access to the courtroom with cameras or other recording devices shall be required to present a valid media credential or other valid photo identification and business card. With a valid media credential, cameras may be used in the hallway and public areas of the courthouse.

Violations: Anyone found to be in violation of these rules may be subject to contempt proceedings for violation of this Standing Order. Sanctions may be remedial or punitive, including a fine and/or jail sentence. Upon probable cause to believe that the violation of this order is occurring or has occurred, the court and security personnel and law enforcement officers are authorized to inspect and prohibit any item which present a physical danger or which they reasonably believe was used in violation of this order. If any phone, camera, or other electronic device was used or is being used in violation of this order, law enforcement may be summoned and, upon a finding of probable cause, will confiscate such item based on their observations or investigation

and/or a credible third-party report of such a violation. Law enforcement shall promptly notify the presiding judge, and, only at the direction of the presiding judge, will examine the item and delete any photos or recordings that were taken in the courtroom in violation of this order. The presiding judge shall make a determination as to what sanctions, if any, shall be imposed and the disposition of the device. In all other instances occurring outside of the courtroom, security personnel and law enforcement officers have the discretion to investigate for any possible violation of the criminal law. They may take no action or, in their discretion, contact the Judge for direction as to the appropriate course of action.

Done at Kiowa, Colorado this 24th day of September 2024.



PAUL A. KING
Kiowa Municipal Court Judge