

**ORDER REGARDING CELL PHONES
and PDAs IN COURTROOMS**



**MUNICIPAL JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2019-6**

General Considerations

1. Today most people have wireless communications devices such as cell phones, PDAs or similar devices on their person at all times. In order to protect our court proceedings including jury selection, trials and the jury deliberation process, it is important that courts place appropriate limits on the use of such devices.
2. Anyone may bring a cell phone, a Blackberry or other personal digital assistant (PDA), a laptop computer or similar wireless communication device into the courthouse, subject to inspection and security checks. **The phone function must be off at all times.**
3. In courtrooms, persons other than jurors may use such devices to take notes and to transmit and receive data communications so long as the device is completely silent and they do so in an inconspicuous way that does not interfere with the dignity and process of the court. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may persons use these devices to make or receive telephone calls, take photographs or make audio or video recordings or transmissions. The presiding judge may prohibit or further restrict use of such devices if they interfere with the administration of justice, the security of the proceeding or the integrity of the court process.
4. Attorneys, their staff, and law enforcement may use computers, PDAs, Blackberries etc. during all court proceedings, so long as they are on silent or vibrate. Under no circumstance may an attorney or their staff answer a phone in the courtroom.
5. Security officers and on-duty law enforcement may leave their cell phones on in vibrate or silent modes.
6. **Failure to comply with any of the directives shall result in the confiscation of the device by security staff and can result in a citation for contempt of court and a fine or time in jail.**

Done and signed this 19th day of July, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Louis Gresh

Municipal Judge, Town of Lochbuie