

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF HENRICO

CM26-2129

STANDING SECURITY AND SAFETY ORDER

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026, to ensure and maintain safety, order and decorum within the L.A. Harris, Jr. Courts Building (the "Courts Building") located at 4309 East Parham Road, Henrico, Virginia, **it is ORDERED:**

1. All persons seeking entry into the Courts Building shall be screened by magnetometer and, if required by the Sheriff of the County of Henrico and his/her Deputies, Henrico Security or authorized law enforcement officer, shall submit to search and/or screening of the person and their belongings before being admitted, with the following exceptions who are not required to pass through the magnetometer, and whose belongings are not required to be searched and/or screened:
 - a. The Sheriff and his/her Deputies, members of the Henrico County Division of Police, the Virginia State Police, or other law enforcement agency, sworn or retired, when in the lawful performance of official duties, and displaying agency issued identification;
 - b. Judges, Substitute Judges appearing for official duties, the Commonwealth's Attorney, his/her Deputies and Assistants, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and his/her deputy clerks, and the Clerk of the General District Court and his/her deputy clerks;
 - c. Persons authorized to enter the Courts Building for court business if named in the designated list of authorized persons maintained by the Circuit Court, in consultation with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Chief Judge of the General District Court, the Commonwealth's Attorney and the Sheriff upon presentation of proper identification;

d. Recovery Court Team members, Behavioral Health Docket members, and Veterans Treatment Court Team members upon presentation of proper identification.

2. All bags, parcels, containers or other items brought into the Courts Building shall be passed through x-ray or other scanner and are subject to search as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff, except that sworn law enforcement officers and personnel or retired law enforcement officers, to the extent exempted by the federal Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act of 2004, of the Henrico County Division of Police, the Virginia State Police, or other law enforcement agency, when in the lawful performance of official duties, and displaying agency issued identification shall not be required to pass such items through the scanner or subject to Sheriff unless deemed appropriate by the Sheriff and his/her deputies, Henrico Security or other authorized law enforcement officer.

3. All Visitors to the Court as defined by Virginia Code § 16.1-69.35:4 and § 17.1-128.2 seeking entry into the Courts Building shall enter through the main entrance located at the front of the Courts Building with the following exceptions:

a. Licensed attorneys who display a current Virginia State Bar card may enter the Courts Building through the entrance located at the connection between the Courts Building and the Government Complex. This exception shall not apply to any attorney who is appearing in court as a party, witness, or lay observer in a case;

b. The Sheriff and his/her Deputies, Henrico County Division of Police, the Virginia State Police, or other law enforcement agency, sworn or retired, when in the lawful performance of official duties, and displaying agency issued identification may enter the Courts Building through the entrance

located at the connection between the Courts Building and the Government Complex;

4. All Visitors to the Court as defined by Virginia Code § 16.1-69.35:4 and § 17.1-128.2 seeking entry into the Courts Building may only possess portable electronic devices as defined by Virginia Code § 17.1-128.2 and shall comply with the Circuit Court's Amended Standing Order Concerning Possession and Use of Cell Phone and Other Portable Electronic entered on July 10, 2026, with the following exceptions:

a. Licensed attorneys may bring such devices into the Courts Building to use as a calendar and for business communications providing the devices are silenced at all times while inside the Courts Building. Attorneys may use such devices only in the attorney conference rooms on the second floor of the Courts Building, in the designated cell phone usage area, in the clerk's offices and not in any public areas. Attorneys are prohibited from using such devices while in any courtroom unless the presiding Judge grants permission. This exception shall not apply to any attorney who is appearing in court as a party, witness, or observer in a case;

b. The Sheriff and his/her Deputies, Henrico County Division of Police, the Virginia State Police, or other law enforcement agency, sworn or retired, when in the lawful performance of official duties, and displaying agency issued identification and other law enforcement agency employees who are employed in the Courts Building may bring such devices into the Courts Building as provided by their employers. However, any such official or employee is prohibited from using such devices while in any courtroom or in any public area of the Courts Building, unless permitted by the presiding Judge;

c. Persons with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) who need their device as an accommodation may possess

and use their device in the Courts Building so long as the appropriate ADA Coordinator approves the possession and use of the device. The ADA Coordinator may set reasonable terms and conditions concerning the device's possession and use. The ADA Coordinator of the General District Court shall make all determinations concerning the use of devices on the first floor of the Courts Building. The ADA Coordinator of the Circuit Court shall make all determinations concerning the use of devices on the second floor of the Courts Building;

d. Representatives of the news media possessing valid credentials shall be allowed to possess laptop computers, cell phones and other electronic devices within the Courts Building. However, the media shall comply with the Circuit Court's Amended Standing Order Concerning Possession and Use of Cell Phone and Other Portable Electronic entered on July 10, 2026, except that the media may also use these devices in the attorney conference rooms on the second floor of the Courts Building. Devices used by the media within the Courts Building shall not be used for taking photographs, making either audio or visual recordings or streaming or disseminating;

e. Jury Commissioners, Probation Officers, Recovery Court Team members, Behavioral Health Docket Team members, Veterans Treatment Docket Team members, Community Corrections Officers and the Supreme Court Interpreter Coordinator and Supreme Court Interpreters, entering the Courts Building for the purpose of performing their duties may possess laptop computers, electronic devices, and cell phones which shall be set on silent or vibrate mode.

5. No firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind shall be brought into the Courts Building. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 18.2-283.1, this prohibition shall not

apply to the Sheriff or his/her Deputies, the Henrico County Division of Police, the Virginia State Police, sworn or retired, or to any other law enforcement officers and personnel exempted by the federal Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act of 2004, when in the lawful performance of official duties, and displaying agency issued identification.

6. Court reporters, in the performance of official duties, may bring into the Courts Building the usual and necessary recording equipment. Court reporters shall otherwise comply with the Circuit Court's Amended Standing Order Concerning Possession and Use of Cell Phone and Other Portable Electronic entered on July 10, 2026.

7. Use of any electronic devices to take photographs, still or otherwise, take screenshots, audio record, video record, transmit live audio, transmit live video, etc. is strictly prohibited in the Courts Building, unless with written permission of the Court.

8. All entranceways, corridors, and approaches to courtrooms, offices, and other rooms in the Courts Building shall be kept clear for the purpose of free access by employees or persons who have business to transact in the Courts Building and are subject to security measures undertaken by the Sheriff or his/her Deputies with the approval of the Court.

9. The Sheriff or his/her Deputies shall monitor courtroom access at all times during operating hours. The public shall be admitted to each courtroom at the discretion of the Judge, and under the supervision of the Sheriff and his/her Deputies, so as to maintain safety.

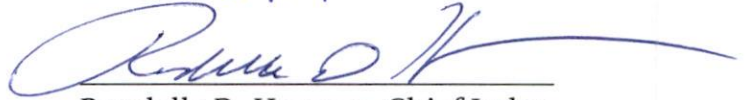
10. All activities within the courtrooms and common areas of the Courts Building shall be consistent with the civility and decorum necessary for the administration of justice.

11. The area of each Circuit Court courtroom within the Well is reserved for parties to the case, members of the Bar, and Court personnel.
12. The Court reserves the right to designate seating accommodations within each courtroom.
13. Smoking and/or vaping is prohibited within the Courts Building.
14. Solicitation of any type, for any service or sale or marketing of any product, is prohibited inside the Courts Building and within the immediate area surrounding the Courts Building.

This Order supersedes any inconsistent previous Order and remains a standing Order until modified or terminated.

Disobedience of this Order is subject to the contempt powers of the Court, and notice is provided that the penalty can include fines and/or imprisonment.

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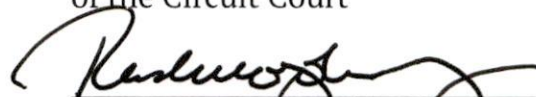
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