

MUNICIPAL COURT JUROR QUALIFICATIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND EXCUSES

A PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS A PETIT JUROR IF THAT PERSON:

- is at least 18 years of age;
- is a citizen of the United States;
- is a resident of this state, the county, and of the city in which one is to serve as a juror;
- is qualified under the Constitution and laws to vote in the county in which the individual is to serve as juror;
- is of sound mind and good moral character;
- is able to read and write;
- has not served as a petit juror for six (6) days during the preceding three months in a county court or during the preceding six months in a district court.
- has not been convicted of a misdemeanor theft or felony;
- is not under indictment of other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or a felony.

A PERSON MAY CLAIM EXEMPTION IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL IF THAT PERSON:

- is over 70 years of age;
- has legal custody of a child under 12 years of age and person's service on the jury requires leaving the child without adequate supervision;
- is a student of a public or private secondary school;
- is a person enrolled and in actual attendance of an institution of higher education;
- is an officer or an employee of the senate, the house of representatives, or any department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state government;
- is a primary caretaker of a person who is unable to care for himself or herself;
- is a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty and deployed away from the person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

A PERSON MAY BE EXCUSED FROM SERVICE IF:

If there is any other reason that you feel you cannot or should not serve on the jury at the time you are summoned for jury duty, you should either write the court and ask to be excused or inform the court of this matter on the day you appear. Generally, work commitments and other local area commitments will not excuse you from service. If you have prepaid reservations for out of town commitments, you should provide written documentation of this when requesting to be excused.

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR JURY DUTY WHEN SUMMONED CAN RESULT IN YOUR ARREST AND A FINDING OF CONTEMPT. IF FOUND IN CONTEMPT, YOU CAN BE JAILED FOR UP TO THREE DAYS AND FINED \$100.00.