

## JURY SERVICE

**Jury Service:** Jury Trials are *normally* held on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm in the Historic City Hall building at 127 East Franklin Street. Several trials are scheduled on each jury trial evening, so an “array of jurors” totaling 40 to 50 persons is summoned. From this array, a jury of 6 persons will be selected for each trial. The court cases will conclude on or before 10 p.m.

If you receive a summons to report for jury duty, you should arrive promptly, dress appropriately (no shorts, skimpy tops, flipflops, etc), bring a sweater in case the A/C is not adjusted to your liking, and perhaps bring reading material for times that you might have to wait.

**If you receive a jury summons and do not report, you may be fined \$100 for contempt.**

### **Qualifications for Jury Service**

Jurors must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Texas
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Reside in Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas
- Be able to read and write
- Be of sound mind

You CANNOT serve on a jury if:

- You have been convicted of a felony or of any type of theft (unless rights have been restored)
- You are now on probation or deferred adjudication for a felony or for any type of theft; or
- You are now under indictment for a felony or are now under criminal charges for any type of theft

**If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a jury for one of the above or any other reason, please contact the Court as soon as possible but at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled court time.**

You are entitled to be EXCUSED as a juror if you:

- Are over 70 years of age
- Have legal custody of a child under 10 years of age and jury service would leave the child unsupervised
- Are a student in class
- Are the caretaker of a person who is unable to care for himself
- Can show a physical or mental impairment or an inability to comprehend or to communicate in English

**Please contact the Court as soon as possible but at least 24 hours before the scheduled court time if you plan to claim one of the above exemptions/excuses.**