

## Jury Information

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The District Clerk's Office has taken every precaution to ensure your visit to the Fort Bend Justice Center is a safe and healthy one.

If you have any questions regarding Jury Duty please don't hesitate to reach out to the District Clerk's Office at (281) 341-4509 and we will gladly address all of your concerns.

Please watch the District Clerk Beverley McGrew Walker give a tour of the updated Jury Assembly Room at the link below.

#### **WATCH HERE!**

**Jury Duty:** Jury service has been suspended for most **District, County and Justice of the Peace Courts** through **September 1, 2020**. The following Jury service dates have been scheduled:

#### **Grand Jury:**

The Grand Jury for the August - December 2020 Term has been selected. The following Grand Jury Pools are no longer needed and have been **CANCELED**. If you have been summoned to appear on the following dates below, you **DO NOT** need to appear.

July 9, 2020

July 10, 2020

July 22, 2020

July 23, 2020

July 24, 2020

#### **District Court:**

434th District Court: August 18, 2020

Identity thieves have called and threatened persons for failing to report to jury service in various counties to receive money. Thieves asked for confidential information and claimed to be with County District Clerk's Offices. These scammers are threatening jurors in an attempt to fraudulently receive money. **DO NOT** give them money or credit card information.

The staff of the Fort Bend County District Clerk's office will **NEVER** call you and ask for your Social Security number, credit card numbers or other sensitive information.

**DO NOT** give out such information to anyone who calls you that claims to be with the District Clerk's office. If you have any doubts about a caller, who claims to be from the Fort Bend County District Clerk's office, please verify their identity before giving out information.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS	MAILING ADDRESS
<b>Fort Bend County Justice Center</b> <u>1422 Eugene Heimann Circle</u> Richmond, TX 77469 Jury Assembly Room 31004	<b>Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office</b> 301 Jackson St. Room 101 Richmond, TX 77469

If you have jury duty, please report to the location listed on your summons.

Jury personnel are off-site every Tuesday. Please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

**Fort Bend County District Courts Do Postpone Jury Dates**

For information to postpone your Jury Service, call:

- 281-344-3993
- 281-341-4523
- 281-344-3988
- 281-344-3900

**Email:** [jurydept@fortbendcountytx.gov](mailto:jurydept@fortbendcountytx.gov)

Please provide us your juror badge number when responding by e-mail.

**Fax:** 281-238-3337

REPORTING LOCATION	MESSAGE LINE
<b>Fort Bend County Justice Center</b>	(281) 341-4506
<b>Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 1</b>	(832) 471-2550
<b>Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2</b>	(281) 341-3742
<b>Justice of the Peace Precinct 2</b>	(281) 403-8018
<b>Justice of the Peace Precinct 3</b>	(281) 238-3240
<b>Justice of the Peace Precinct 4</b>	(281) 238-3240

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Juror's Rights and Responsibilities

**Right to Reemployment**

A private employer may not terminate the employment of a permanent employee because the employee serves as a juror. An employee whose employment is terminated in violation of this section is entitled to return to the same employment that the employee held when summoned for jury service if the employee, as soon as practical after release from jury service, gives the employer actual notice that the employee intends to return. (Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 122.001).

**Failure to answer summons and Provisions of False Information**

A person who fails to comply with this summons, or who knowingly provides false information in a request for an exemption or to be excused from jury service, is subject to a contempt action punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 (Government Code, Section 62.0141). Additionally, a person shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 if the person: (1) fails to attend court in obedience to this summons without reasonable excuse; or (2) files a false claim of exemption from jury service. (Government Code, Section 62.111).

**Absent Juror Fined**

A juror legally summoned, failing to attend without a reasonable excuse, may, by order of the court entered on the record, be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$500. (Code of Criminal Procedure Section 62.111, Article 19.16).

**Proper Clothing Required**

All persons entering the courtroom should be dressed in clothing reasonably befitting the dignity and solemnity of the court proceedings. Courtrooms remain at 72 degrees all year round.

**Exempt or Disqualified**

You do not need to appear in person if you are exempt or not qualified for jury service. To claim an exemption or report your disqualification you must complete the [form](#), sign it and mail to the District Clerk's Office Attn: Jury Department, 301 Jackson St. Room 101, Richmond, Texas 77469. You may personally deliver this summons to 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle Room 31004, Richmond, Texas 77469.

You are instructed to call our recorded message line after 5:00 PM the evening before you are scheduled to appear for service. The message will tell you if there has been a change in your jury service. It is sometimes necessary to cancel or reschedule a jury panel, so you **MUST CALL** to receive final instructions.

- Meals are not provided. Vending machines are available.
- Parking is free.