

Frequently Asked Questions About Jury Service

Why was I summoned for jury service?

The right to a trial by jury is provided for in both the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions. Jury Service was established as a check on the exercise of governmental power. You have been summoned because there are pending cases in the City of Arvada for which jury trials have been scheduled.

How long will I have to serve?

Because you have been selected for a trial, you are obligated to serve for the length of this trial. The majority of trials in the City of Arvada are completed in one day.

What types of cases are heard in the Arvada Municipal Court?

Our court hears cases of alleged violations of the Arvada City ordinances. These cases may be criminal, traffic, animal control or zoning cases.

Will I be paid for my jury service?

Yes. City Ordinance sets the rate at which you will be paid. Currently, you will receive a \$6.00 reporting fee. If you are sworn to hear a case, you will receive \$12.00 a day. The office of the Municipal Court will make payment immediately.

Will my employer let me off work for jury service?

Your employer should excuse you from work if you show your employer the jury summons. In fact, by State law, your employer cannot prevent you from service as a juror by threatening you with any adverse action, including termination. Anyone who tries to prevent you from serving as a juror can be charged with a crime and can be sued, with the Law allowing treble damages and reasonable attorney fees to the juror upon a finding of willful misconduct by an employer. If you have any questions, notify the court clerk.

What if I get sick or have an emergency during the trial?

If you get sick or have an emergency prior to reporting to the courthouse, contact the office of the Municipal Court immediately. If you get sick, or have an emergency at home during a trial, advise the court clerk immediately. You will then be told what to do about jury service.

What clothes should I wear to Court?

Wear clothes which reflect the seriousness of your jury service. Remember that it is part of your responsibility to maintain the dignity of the courtroom. Casual business attire is appropriate.

Where is the Arvada Municipal Court located?

The court is located in Arvada's City Hall building between Wadsworth and Kipling on Ralston Road. The cross street is Ammons. The building is brown brick with red trim. The door that faces Ralston Road has Council Chambers & Municipal Court written above.

Where do I park?

You may park in the front parking lot or the north parking lot, down the hill, north of Arvada's City Hall.