

Denton Municipal Court – Virtual Court

In-person court proceedings have been suspended until further notice. All non-jury court hearings are virtual using the Zoom application. This platform allows defendants to resolve eligible cases remotely, from the comfort of their own home or other chosen location, via video conference with a Judge and/or Prosecutor. Court dates and times vary depending on the type of citation or case status.

A court hearing may not be necessary, depending on what you would like to do with your case. Please see our website www.cityofdenton.com/court for information on how to pay or resolve your case outside of the courtroom. Contact us at DentonMunicipalCourt@cityofdenton.com or 940-349-8331 with any questions.

Virtual Courtrooms are the same as actual Courtrooms. Defendants that participate in Virtual Court hearings will have the same legal rights as those that appear in person. All of the same rules and procedures apply, and recording any portion of the proceeding is strictly prohibited.

Please adhere to the following Rules of Court Conduct and Decorum:

Failure to follow these guidelines will prompt the Court Bailiff to remove the Defendant from the virtual courtroom until compliance is achieved.

- **Proper clothing strictly enforced** – Inappropriate attire will not be permitted.
- **Avoid background noise** – Ensure your environment is conducive to attend virtually.
- **Avoid distractions** – Minimize any distractions and give full attention to the proceedings.
- **Do NOT record any portion of the proceedings.**
- **Proper respect for the Court process shall be adhered to at all times.**

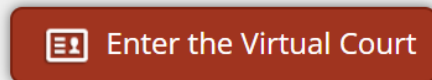
Accessing the Virtual Court

You may use any device with audio and video capabilities and a strong internet connection. **If you do not have a capable device or internet connection to attend a virtual hearing, you are responsible for contacting the Court prior to your scheduled court date to make other arrangements.**

Please check in to the virtual courtroom at least 15 minutes before the hearing start time. Access to the courtroom will close 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, so it's important to check in early. You will confirm your contact information and then enter the virtual court (Zoom) waiting room. Do NOT exit that waiting room. A court clerk will finish the check-in process with you. Each person will be seen in the order of arrival. Most dockets are resolved within a few hours. So plan ahead to make sure you have set aside time in a quiet setting for your hearing and also have sufficient battery charge for your device.

Virtual Court Link: <https://tinyurl.com/EnterCourt>

Click the **Enter the Virtual Court** button.



AFTER YOU APPEAR VIRTUALLY WITH THE JUDGE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE JUDGE ON YOUR CASE(S). FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN A "FAILURE TO APPEAR" AND ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.