

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB
IN THE 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Security Policy for Court Facilities

Circuit Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2019-10J
Probate Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2019-03J
42nd District Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2019-02J

Rescinds Circuit Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2014-17
Rescinds Probate Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2014-06J
Rescinds 42nd District Court Joint Local Administrative Order #2014-04J

This Administrative Order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2001-1. The purpose of this Order is to address the presence of weapons in Court facilities. It is the consensus of the Court, Macomb County, and the Macomb County Sheriff that it is in the best interests of justice and of citizens, employees, and elected officials to establish a no-weapons zone in the Macomb County Circuit Court Building and the attached County buildings, which can only be implemented through a search of persons and objects entering the buildings.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. No weapons, dangerous objects and explosives are allowed in the Macomb County Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court, Macomb County Juvenile Division, and County Buildings located at 40 North Main, 10 North Main, One South Main, and 32 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and the 42nd District Court (Division I), located at 14713 33 Mile Road, Romeo, Michigan, and 42nd District Court (Division II), located at 35071 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, Michigan, which includes courtrooms, offices, or space used for official court business or by judicial employees. Court employees in the performance of his/her official duties are prohibited from carrying a weapon. This prohibition does not apply to Court security personnel or to uniformed or otherwise properly identified law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties. The Chief Judge may authorize additional exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

“Weapons, dangerous objects and explosives” include but are not limited to firearms, edged weapons and explosives as those objects are defined by common usage.

2. All persons and their belongings (unless specifically excepted) and all parcels are subject to screening by Macomb County Sheriff’s Deputies and/or Macomb County Security Personnel

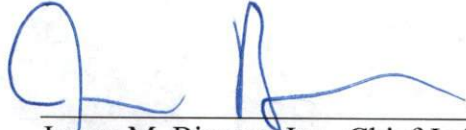
for the purpose of preventing weapons and other prohibited or restricted items from entering the facility. Any person who refuses to cooperate may be removed from the buildings.

The initial screening of individuals entering the buildings will be by metal detecting equipment and the X-ray screening of personal property. If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.

3. Notice shall be posted that "No weapons are permitted in the courthouse, courtrooms, offices, or spaces used for official court business or by judicial employees. All persons and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and other prohibited or restricted items as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."

4. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court.

Date: May 8, 2019



James M. Biernat, Jr. – Chief Judge
16th Judicial Circuit, 42nd District,
and Macomb County Probate Courts