

JURY SERVICE INFORMATION SHEET

Congratulations on being selected for jury service in Benton County! Your service is essential to the administration of justice, and your participation is greatly appreciated by the judges, attorneys, and parties. The constitutional right to a jury trial is critical to our judicial system, and jurors are a crucial part of the process. Serving as a juror is not only an obligation, but a right and privilege. Thank you for serving.

A Judge and Jury Coordinator will be available to answer any questions you have concerning your service when you appear on _____ However, you may also find the information below helpful.

Parking Information: Due to limited parking, we ask jurors to use the Municipal parking lot located on the North side of the Post Office.

Length of Service: Your term is four months in length. You will not be required to be at the courthouse each day, but will merely call a recording as instructed by the Court to see if you are needed. This will occur after your first court duty on _____

Attire: Jurors must be dressed appropriately while in the courthouse. Although the Judge will determine whether jurors' attire is appropriate, jurors should not wear shorts, short skirts, sagging pants, see-through or suggestive clothing, visible undergarments (including undershirts and tank tops), flip flops, house shoes, bandanas, headbands, hats/caps, or clothing with inappropriate or offensive advertisements or slogans.

Prohibited Items: Jurors may not bring drugs, alcohol, weapons or cell phones into the courtroom.

Compensation by Court: Jurors will receive \$10.00 for each day's attendance.

Employer – Compensation: If an employer employs less than five people on a regular basis or if the juror has been employed by an employer on a temporary basis for less than six months, the employer is not required to compensate the juror during the period of jury service. All other Tennessee employers must provide a juror's usual compensation *for the time the juror actually spends serving and traveling to and from jury duty*. An employer has the discretion to deduct the amount of compensation the juror receives from the court. You may request a certificate of attendance when you report for jury duty if your employer requires such a certificate.

Employer – Excused Absences: An employer must excuse the juror from employment for each day the juror's service exceeds three hours if the juror shows the jury summons to the employer upon receipt of the summons. A juror who works the night shift or the hours immediately preceding the time court is normally held should contact the jury coordinator, **SAM RAINWATERS** for additional guidance.

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND ANY DOCUMENTATION

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

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