Wallis Municipal Court - Virtual Court

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.

<u>Virtual Courtrooms are the same as actual Courtrooms.</u> Defendants that participate in Virtual Court hearings will have the same legal rights as those that appear in person. All 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 you to be removed from the virtual courtroom until compliance is achieved.

- Proper clothing strictly enforced Inappropriate attire will not be permitted.
- It is expected that you sit upright as you would in a courtroom lying down during virtual court is not acceptable.
- **Avoid background noise and distractions** Ensure your environment is conducive to attend virtually. Minimize any distractions and give full attention to 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.

Upon registering you will enter the virtual court (ZOOM) waiting room. Do NOT exit that waiting room. Each person will be seen in the order of arrival.

Your docket could last anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the volume of the docket, so please be patient. Plan ahead and 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://app.zconnect.io/r/REE3PP

Or visit our website at <u>www.wallistexas.org</u> select **City Departments** then **Municipal Court** then on the right of the screen "Click HERE to join your virtual hearing"

If you have any questions regarding Virtual Hearings, please contact the court at <u>court@wallistexas.org</u> or call (979) 478-7111