


**JUDGE'S STANDING ORDER NO. 18**  
**PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING**

On this date, the Court entered the following **ORDER** with respect to public demonstrations at the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building

WHEREAS, this ORDER is issued for the purpose of: (1) avoiding obstruction or intimidation of members of the public who desire to park and enter the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building to conduct their business; (2) to prevent disturbances (i.e. contempt of court) within the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building or immediate environs which would be perceptible inside the courtroom, jury deliberation rooms, and other court spaces; (3) to avoid an appearance that justice is swayed by popular opinion or protests; (4) preventing the negative secondary effects of protests near the court which would include impeding the administration of justice, discouraging court employees from attending work, or influencing a court officer; and (5) preventing zealous citizens from inadvertently violating various criminal laws identified below and not generally familiar to many citizens. Now, therefore:

- A. It is prohibited for a person to knowingly or recklessly:
  - 1. Parade, stand or move in processions or assemblages in the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building,
  - Or
  - 2. Display in the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building or on the grounds thereof, a flag, banner, or device designed or adapted to bring into public notice a party, organization, or movement.
- B. For Purposes of this ORDER the "grounds" of the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building extend to the public sidewalks forming the perimeter of the city block that houses the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building, and includes the parking lot on the south side of the City of Amarillo Municipal Court Building.
- C. Persons violating this prohibition shall first be warned and may then be cited or arrested for violation of any applicable provision of the Texas Penal Code, such as but not limited to Criminal Trespass of the Municipal Court Building or grounds, Hindering Proceedings by Disorderly Conduct, or Riot.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** Signed and Entered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
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Laura Hamilton  
Presiding Judge