

## MARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM RULES

The Marlin Municipal Court of Record Community Service Program is operated in accordance with Texas Law to allow an individual without the ability to pay their fine(s) and court cost(s) the opportunity to satisfy them through the performance of community service.

1. Each community service participant (participant) is required to satisfy their community service every week by either: a) making their weekly payment or b) performing community service.

### Payment

2. Before 4:00 p.m. on the Monday of that week, the participant can pay \$50.00 to the Court and not have to report for community service for that week. The payment must be received by the Court before 4:00 p.m. on Monday.

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3. If a participant doesn't make the \$50.00 payment, he/she shall be at the City Hall Courtroom on Wednesday & Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and remain in the Courtroom until City Hall closes for lunch. The participant shall return at 1:00 p.m. after lunch to the City Hall Courtroom and remain there until he/she is released at 4:00 p.m.

4. Each participant shall sit quietly in the Courtroom during their community service hours and do nothing else. There shall be no cellular phones or other electronic equipment. There shall be no reading or writing materials. Each participant is advised to leave all personal belongings in their vehicle, residence, or another place. If a participant does bring a purse, bag, cellphone or other belonging into the City Hall Courtroom, he/she will be required to place it along the back wall during their community service. Neither the City nor any City personnel will be responsible for the participant's personal belongings. If the belongings become missing or damaged, the participant bears all responsibility. Each participant shall earn \$12.50 for each community service hour sitting quietly. Each participant shall check in and out with City Personnel each time he/she reports to or leaves City Hall.

5. A participant may have the opportunity to perform work with the City or other City approved people. If City Personnel or other approved people have work projects, they will come to the City Hall Courtroom and offer any participant, as they determine, the opportunity to work on their project. The participant is not required to accept the offer. If the participant decides to accept the offer and satisfactorily works on the project, the participant will receive \$15.00 per hour for each hour of work performed. The participant must work hard on the project and not be lazy.

6. Each participant shall be clothed in appropriate attire. Shorts, sleeveless shirts, white t-shirts, and open toed shoes are not permitted. Clothing shall completely cover the participant's torso and legs. Clothing with inappropriate wording or graphics are not permitted. Head coverings such as caps and do-rags are not permitted. Pants must be appropriately pulled up at all time – no sagging.

7. The participant must follow these rules and the instructions of the City Personnel or approved work leader to receive credit.