

## **JUROR RESPONSIBILITY**

A juror must be fair and impartial and able to make decisions free of any bias or prejudice. Jurors Must carefully listen and evaluate the evidence presented in the case.

The United States Constitution guarantees the right to trial by an impartial jury to all people regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. The jurors must unanimously agree that the defendant is or is not guilty of the offense alleged.

## **JURY SELECTION**

Jurors who serve on the Forest Hill Municipal Court are selected at random from a list of voter registrations and or a list provided by the City of Forest Hill Water Department.

## **PAYMENT FOR JURY SELECTION**

The State of Texas does not require Municipal Courts to pay jurors. However, if you need proof for an employer of your time spent here, we will be happy to sign a Juror Excuse Notice.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **Jurors Must:**

- Be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City of Forest Hill in order to serve as a juror for Municipal Court.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Reside in the county of jury service.
- Be able to read and write.
- Be of sound mind.

### **You Cannot Serve On A Jury If:**

- You have been convicted of a felony or of any type of theft (unless rights have been restored);
- You are now on probation or deferred adjudication for a felony or for any type of theft; or
- You are now under indictment for a felony or are now under criminal charges for any type of theft.

If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a jury for one of the above or any other reasons, please notify the Judge.

### **Who can be excused from Jury Service**

You are entitled to be excused as a juror if you:

- Are over 70 years of age;
- Have legal custody of a child under 10 years of age and jury service would leave the child unsupervised;
- Are a student in class;
- Are the caretaker of a person who is unable to care for themselves (an invalid); or
- Can show a physical or mental impairment or an inability to comprehend or to communicate in English.

## **CONTACT US**

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Court at 817-568-3046.