

**IN THE SURPRISE CITY COURT
COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:)	
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USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC)	Administrative Order
DEVICES IN THE SURPRISE CITY)	No. 2019 - 02
COURTHOUSE AND RECORDING)	
DEVICES IN A COURTROOM)	
_____)	

The Arizona Supreme Court by rule allows for use of recording devices in a courtroom and for use of portable electronic devices in a courthouse. However, camera coverage or use of portable electronic devices may be limited or denied if the harm arising from any of the factors set out in the rules outweighs the benefit to the public of camera use or coverage.

WHEREAS, Rule 122, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona prohibits the use of a recording device during a court proceeding without express approval of the judge assigned to that particular proceeding; and


WHEREAS, Rule 122.1 specifies the permitted uses of portable electronic devices in a courthouse,

IT IS ORDERED that no person shall use a recording device in a courtroom without the express prior permission of the judge assigned to that proceeding, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no person may photograph or record an individual in the courthouse without that individual's express consent. Persons may film in areas of the Surprise City Courthouse with the express prior approval of the Presiding Judge or Court Administrator if that activity is not disruptive to court operations and does not compromise courthouse security.

THEREFORE, persons who use recording devices in a courtroom or portable electronic devices in the courthouse without express approval will be required to delete the photographs or videos, may be removed from the building, and may be subject to a contempt sanction by the court.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2019.


Judge Louis Frank Dominguez
Presiding Judge