

# **Rule One: Authority**

## **1.1 Authority for Rules**

Under the inherent power and duty of all Texas courts as codified in Section 21.001 of the Texas Government Code, the following Local Rules of the Municipal Court of the City of Crowley, Texas (hereinafter “Local Rules”) are promulgated and shall apply and govern any and all proceedings held within any Municipal Court of the City of Crowley, Tarrant County, Texas. These rules are adopted for the purpose of securing uniformity in those proceedings and in order to promote justice.

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## **1.2 Application**

The Local Rules apply to attorneys and their staff members, to each Defendant representing himself/herself (hereinafter “Pro se Defendants”), to all court staff, to witnesses and observers. A Judge may promulgate additional rules for his/her Court which do not conflict with the rules and applicable law. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the imposition of sanctions, including contempt.

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## **1.3 Effective Date**

These Local Rules are effective on April 25, 2018, and supersede all previous Local Rules of the Crowley Municipal Court.

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## **1.4 Availability**

A copy of these Local Rules shall be available in the courtroom and on the City of Crowley website, which can be accessed at [www.ci.crowley.tx.us](http://www.ci.crowley.tx.us).

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## **1.5 Citation of These Rules**

These Local Rules shall be known as the Local Rules of the Municipal Court of the City of Crowley, Texas and each rule may be cited as “Crowley Local Rule \_\_\_\_” or “CLR \_\_\_\_”.

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## **1.6 Authority of Municipal Court Judges**

The Municipal Court of the City of Crowley is one Court, in one location, and referred to as a “Court”. Each Judge, whether a Presiding Judge or Substitute Judge sitting for the Presiding Judge, has all authority within the Court in which he/she is sitting and in Crowley in general as does any Municipal Judge of a Court of Record in the State of Texas. Each Municipal Judge, whether Presiding or Substitute, is also a Magistrate for every county into which the City of Crowley extends and has all authority as a Magistrate in any of those counties as set forth in State law.

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## **1.7 Hours of Operation**

The hours of operation of the Court shall be posted on the front doors, and on the City of Crowley website at [www.ci.crowley.tx.us](http://www.ci.crowley.tx.us). Any exception to said hours shall be for City observed holidays or as determined by order of the Clerk of the Court/Court Administrator, or the City Manager.