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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING PROHIBITED CONDUCT IN COURT FACILITIES IN THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b></p>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-7</b>	

In accordance with the inherent authority of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to manage its facilities, the undersigned Chief Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District enters the following Order governing conduct inside all court-related facilities including the Larimer County Justice Center, the Loveland Police and Courts Building, the Walden Courthouse and all probation offices (Court Facilities).

The Court has the responsibility and authority to ensure the efficient performance of judicial functions and to protect the dignity, independence and integrity of the Court. Specifically, the Court must ensure that individuals who work in, transact business in, and visit the Court Facilities are able to access the justice system freely, in a safe and orderly fashion, and unhindered by violence, abuse, threats, interference, intimidation, or harassment. The Court also must provide a secure environment for all who enter and work in the Court Facilities. A secure and efficient environment is essential to the public's confidence in the integrity of the judicial system as well as the proper functioning of our three-branch system of government. To carry out its mission the Court must minimize activities that unreasonably disrupt or interfere with the orderly and peaceful conduct of court business. It is imperative that the Court provide for the fair and orderly conduct of hearings and trials and maintain proper judicial decorum by ensuring neutral forums that are free from actual or perceived partiality, bias, prejudice, or favoritism. Accordingly, the Court finds that it is reasonably necessary and appropriate to impose certain restrictions on conduct in the Court Facilities without regard to the content or viewpoint of any message, idea, or form of speech.

This Order applies to all areas of the Larimer County Justice Center and the Walden Courthouse and to those portions of the Loveland Police and Courts Building operated by the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. This order does not apply to those portions of the Loveland Police and Courts Building operated by the City of Loveland or by the Larimer County District Attorney so long as conduct in those areas does not interfere with or disrupt the business of the Court.

This Order does not limit the authority of judicial officers to issue reasonable orders governing conduct and decorum in their courtroom or in matters pending before them.

### **DISRUPTIVE, THREATENING, OR ABUSIVE CONDUCT PROHIBITED**

All conduct in the Court Facilities must be consistent with the purpose and use of the Court Facilities which is to house and support the Courts. **The following conduct is specifically prohibited in the Court Facilities as inconsistent with the purpose and use of the Court Facilities:**

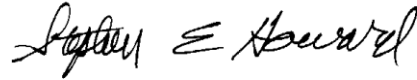
**Displaying signs or other materials; distributing literature or other materials; obstructing the passage of any other person; interrupting judicial proceedings; yelling or making other audible outbursts; using sound amplification other than the sound amplification system provided by the Court for parties to court proceedings; harassing, intimidating or threatening court personnel or others; or engaging in similar conduct that interferes with the ability of employees to carry out the business of the Court or the ability of other persons to effectively access the Court.**

In addition to the responsibilities and authorities of the Court outlined above, the Court has the responsibility and authority to protect the public health within the Court Facilities. Therefore, **those entering the Court Facilities are required to be appropriately and fully clothed, including shoes.**

This Order shall be enforced by the Larimer County Sheriff's Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Fort Collins Police, Loveland Police and any other law enforcement agency or security staff as necessary and appropriate. This order includes enforcement of C.R.S. §18-9-111 and §18-9-117 and enforcement of contempt orders under C.R.C.P. 107. All persons shall comply with the lawful requests of law enforcement officers and security staff in the performance of their duties and failure to do so shall be a violation of this Order. Nothing in this order shall in any way limit the authority of law enforcement officers or security staff from

taking additional appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceful conduct of court business at the Court Facilities.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020.



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Stephen E. Howard  
Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial District