

**EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:  
ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT and  
LINCOLN COUNTIES, COLORADO**

**Arapahoe County Justice Center  
7325 South Potomac Street  
Centennial, Colorado 80112**

**Arapahoe County Courthouse  
1790 West Littleton Boulevard  
Littleton, Colorado 80120**

**Douglas County Courthouse  
4000 Justice Way, #2009  
Castle Rock, Colorado 80109**

**Elbert County Courthouse  
PO Box 232, 751 Ute Street  
Kiowa, Colorado 80117**

**Lincoln County Courthouse  
PO Box 128, 103 Third Avenue  
Hugo, Colorado 80821**

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**Division 201**

**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER REGARDING CERTAIN PROHIBITED  
ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

Pursuant to the authority granted to chief judges of the judicial districts of the State of Colorado by Chief Justice Directive 95-01, "Authority and Responsibility of Chief Judges," the undersigned, in his role as Chief Judge of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, enters this Order, which applies to the Arapahoe County Justice Center ("ACJC").

The Court has the responsibility and authority to ensure the efficient performance of judicial functions, to protect the dignity, independence, and integrity of the courts, and to make the lawful actions of the courts effective. Specifically, the Court must ensure the safe and orderly use of the facilities at

ACJC, including the free flow of pedestrian traffic. Courthouse visitors and staff must be able to enter, exit, and move about ACJC freely, in a safe and orderly fashion and unhindered by threats, intimidation, interference, or harassment. The Court also must provide a secure environment for all who enter ACJC, and 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 court proceedings and maintain proper judicial decorum by ensuring a neutral forum free of actual or perceived partiality, bias, prejudice, or favoritism. Accordingly, the Court finds that it is reasonable, necessary, and appropriate to impose certain restrictions on expressive activity at ACJC without regard to the content or viewpoint of any particular message, idea, or form of speech.

**Prohibited Activities:** The Court hereby prohibits the following activities from taking place in the interior areas of the Courthouse facilities at ACJC that are not inside courtrooms:

- 1. Picketing; displaying signs or banners; protesting; marching; parading; holding vigils or religious services; proselytizing; preaching; distributing literature or other materials; gathering signatures; petitioning; or engaging in similar conduct which in any way interferes with the ability of any person to freely enter, exit, or move about the Courthouse facilities;**
- 2. Soliciting; selling goods or services, requesting donations, or engaging in any other commercial activity except to the extent that solicitation or commercial activity is directed to the Judicial Branch or Arapahoe County.**

This Order does not limit the authority of judicial officers to issue necessary and reasonable orders governing conduct and decorum in their courtrooms or in matters pending before them. Moreover, this Order shall not operate to preclude law enforcement or security staff from taking appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceful conduct of court business at ACJC.

All persons at ACJC shall comply with the lawful requests, directions, and orders of any law enforcement officers and security staff while such law

enforcement officers and security staff are performing their official duties. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of this Order and may subject the violator to contempt proceedings.

This Order shall be posted at each public entrance at ACJC. It shall also be posted at such other places as will reasonably assist in providing notice of this Order.

Entered this 28th day of June of 2018.

BY THE COURT:



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Carlos A. Samour, Jr.  
Chief Judge  
Eighteenth Judicial District