

ROMAN FOREST MUNICIPAL COURT

JURY SERVICE

Defendants have a right to a speedy, public trial by an impartial jury. Article 1.05, C.C.P. The proceedings in all courts shall be public. Article 1.24, C.C.P. The right to a jury trial shall be inviolate (may not be violated). Article 1.12, C.C.P.

The Roman Forest Municipal Court holds jury trials as the need arises.

Jurors are summoned approximately 3 weeks prior to the date of trial. A juror may return the questionnaire by mail or in person prior to trial date. Please review qualifications and exemptions to ensure you are eligible to serve. To report disqualification or exemption, complete the summons, circle the appropriate response and return the summons to the court immediately. **DO NOT WAIT** until the day of the trial to claim the exemption or disqualification.

In some cases the Defendant may elect to forego a scheduled Jury Trial. The court asks that each juror call the court (281) 399-7227 after 5:00 pm the day before the trial date and listen to the pre-recorded message to verify if the trial is still scheduled. If the trial has been cancelled, you are released from jury service and do not need to appear.

Jurors shall sign in for jury duty between 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm on assigned day at the Roman Forest Municipal Court building located at 2430 Roman Forest Blvd, Roman Forest, Texas 77357. Upon request, jurors appearing in Municipal Court will be given a written excuse to present to their employer.

Disobedience of a juror summons is punishable as Contempt of Court with a minimum fine of \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00. (G.C. Title 2 Judicial Branch, Subtitle E, chapter 62, sec. 62.111)

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- A U. S. Citizen
- Lives within the corporate limits of the City of Roman Forest
- Is of sound mind and good moral character
- Is able to read and write the English language
- Has not been convicted of a felony

Exemptions:

- Is a full time student
- Over 70 years of age
- People who have legal custody of children under the age of fifteen (15)
- If you are no longer a resident of the City of Roman Forest
- A caretaker of a person who is an invalid unable to care for him/herself

The Municipal Court of Roman Forest thanks you for your service to the community and hopes that you will find the opportunity to serve to be a pleasant and rewarding experience.