

The following Ordinance was offered by Lindy Bolgiano and seconded by Matt Romero, as amended:

ORDINANCE NO. 500-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2
“ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-1. “COURT COSTS” TO ESTABLISH
RULES FOR MAYOR’S COURT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana that:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Youngsville desires to amend the City of Youngsville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 “*Administration*”, Section 2-1 “*Court Costs*”, to establish rules for Mayor’s Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDANIED, by the City Council of the City of Youngsville, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed “WHEREAS” clauses are herein adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The City of Youngsville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 “*Administration*”, Section 2-1 “*Court Costs*”, is hereby amended to rename Section 2-1 as “*Mayor’s Court*” and to establish subsection 2-1(1) to include rules for Mayor’s Court and subsection 2-1(2) “*Court Costs*” as follows:

Sec. 2-1. Mayor’s Court.

1. Rules for Mayor's Court.

(a) *Proper attire.*

- (1) All persons entering the courtroom shall be properly attired.
- (2) Proper attire shall include a shirt (no tank tops), pants (no shorts), and shoes (no flip-flops).
- (3) Attorneys shall dress professionally when appearing in court.
- (4) Clothing shall exhibit no vulgar language or language indicating political support.
- (5) No hats or head coverings are allowed unless dictated by a person's religion.

(b) *Conduct of persons in attendance.*

- (1) All persons entering the courtroom must remain seated unless otherwise instructed by the judge or the prosecutor.
- (2) No person shall approach the judge's bench while court is in session, except by permission of the court.

(3) The following items are not allowed in the Mayor's Court:

- (a) Weapons and self-defense items.
- (b) Tobacco products in any form, including, but not limited to cigarettes and e-cigarettes.
- (c) Lighters.
- (d) Recording (audio or video) and photographing devices, that televise, broadcast or photograph.
- (e) All electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, beepers, transmitters, receivers or entertainment devices.

All persons are subject to screening by a metal detector prior to entering Court. A violation of these rules may result in a fine and/or confiscation of items.

(c) *Attorney's conduct.*

- (1) Attorneys appearing before the mayor's court shall, at all times, conduct themselves in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Ethics of the Louisiana Bar Association.
- (2) Attorneys appearing in court shall properly address the defendant, witnesses and opposing counsel, and avoid the use of first names or nicknames.
- (3) When addressing the court or making objections, attorneys should rise and direct all objections, as well as remarks and other comments, to the magistrate.
- (4) All documents, including motions, orders, decrees or judgments, shall be handed to the clerk, who shall deliver them to the judge.
- (5) All attorneys practicing before the court shall be exempt from Sec. 1(b)(3)(d & e) upon confirmation of their admittance to practice law.

(d) *Defendants.*

- (1) The defendant should stand before the judge during his or her arraignment, while entering a plea or when he or she is being sentenced.
- (2) The defendant should, at all times, be respectful toward the judge, the attorneys involved in the case, the court personnel and the witnesses.

(e) *Court Personnel.*

- (1) The term *court personnel* shall include the designated bailiff, the clerk of the court, the prosecutor and the magistrate judge and any other individual assisting with the administration of the court.
- (2) All court personnel shall be exempt from Section 1(b)(3)(a-e).

2. *Court Costs.*

Be it ordained by the mayor or his designee that costs of court for the city mayor's court for each municipal violation before said court shall be in an amount as established by the mayor and city council from time to time.

SECTION 3: All Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full effect as permitted by law.

This Ordinance having been introduced on April 10, 2025, and published by title only giving Notice of a Public Hearing on May 8, 2025, was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Niland, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

This Ordinance was declared adopted on this 8th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Nicole Guidry

Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor