

Trial Procedure

In all trials, a complaint is presented by the State's Attorney or Prosecutor. A complaint document alleges the act you are supposed to have committed.

There are certain rules that must be followed by all participants. The presentation of evidence, the cross-examination of witnesses, and any objections must be properly made pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Texas Rules of Evidence. Just as the Prosecutor is expected to follow the rules, so will you. For more information, call the Municipal Court at (281) 419-9886.

Bench Trials and Jury Trials

There are two kinds of trials. A Bench trial is presented to the judge of the court. Each side presents their case and the judge rules on the evidence.

A Jury trial is presented before a six member jury panel. Selection of this panel takes place prior to the trial for a pool of prospective jurors. Both sides have an opportunity to ask questions of the jury pool before the selection is made.

Trial Resets

If you need a continuance, the court must receive your request in writing three working days before the trial. You will be allowed only one reset, as will the prosecution. For more information, call Municipal Courts at (281) 419-9886.