

Ordinance No. _____

Introduced September 16, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING
AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 191 OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF WHEELING ENTITLED MUNICIPAL COURT TO
ADD ARTICLE 191.11 CONTEMPT OF COURT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Wheeling does hereby amend and readopt Article 191 entitled Municipal Court of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wheeling, as amended as follows.

191.11 Contempt of Court

The Municipal Court upon giving a lawful order which is disobeyed, may find a person in contempt of court, such violation being a misdemeanor, subject to a civil penalty.

The court and the judge may issue attachment for contempt and punish an offender in the following cases:

(a) Misbehavior in the presence of the court, or so near thereto as to obstruct or interrupt the administration of justice;

(b) Violence or threats of violence to a judge or officer of the court, or to a juror, witness, or party going to, attending or returning from the court, for or in respect of any act or proceeding had, or to be had, in such court;

(c) Disobedience to or resistance of any officer of the court, juror, witness, or other person, to any lawful process, judgment, decree or order of the said court; and

(d) Failure to appear at any scheduled Court Hearing, Court or Department required inspection meeting, adherence to any other Court ordered performance of work, payment of fines or completion of public service in lieu of fines.

Whoever violates Section 191.11 shall be fined, for a first offense, not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or in lieu thereof be required to serve ten (10) hours of community service as described by the Court at Court designated locations and with Court designated assignments. For each day that the violation continues, at the discretion of the Court, such continuation of the violation may be considered as a separate offense. See also Part Five- General Offenses Article 501.99- Entitled Penalty which remains applicable and/or in addition to this section.

Section 2. All other sections and subsections of Article 191 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage.

By the Administration.