

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Rockwall City Council voted to convert the Rockwall Municipal Court to a court of record as authorized by Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code. **Effective immediately**, the Rockwall Municipal Court is a court of record. This means there is no longer an automatic trial de novo in the county court at law when appealing from a conviction in the Rockwall Municipal Court.

An appeal from a conviction in the Rockwall Municipal Court is now based on alleged errors, and these errors must be set forth in the appealing party's motion for new trial. The motion for new trial must be presented to the Rockwall Municipal Court on or before the 10th day after the judgment is entered. To perfect an appeal from a conviction of the Rockwall Municipal Court, the motion for new trial must be made in writing, and must set forth the points of error on which the motion for new trial is based.

If the Court does not act on a timely motion for new trial before the expiration of 30 days, the motion for new trial is overruled automatically (by operation of law). A notice of appeal must be filed in the county court on or before the 10th day after the motion for new trial is denied or overruled (either by the Court or by operation of law).

The appealing party is responsible for requesting and paying the costs for the proceedings being transcribed. Requests for a copy of the audio recording of the proceeding should be made to the Court Administrator.

Unless the appealing party is in jail, the appealing party must post a bond with the Rockwall Municipal Court of \$100.00 or double the amount of the fines and costs set forth in the judgment, whichever is greater.

If you want a record of any part of your proceeding, including pretrial and trial proceedings, you must make that request in writing to the judge. The Court is not required to make a record of any proceeding unless it is requested by a party or their representative, or is requested by the presiding judge.