



## The Magistrates' Court of Bermuda

CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2019

### Practice Direction

#### DRESS CODE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This Dress Code for Members of the Public is being implemented as a result of a steady decline in the appearance of some members of the public who come before the Magistrates' Court. If members of the public fail or refuse to comply with this Dress Code then they may not be heard by the Court and/or they may be required to exit the Court i.e. their matter may not be adjudicated upon by the Court until such time that they comply with this Dress Code.

Whether a member of the public is in compliance with this Dress Code for Members of the Public shall be at the sole discretion of the presiding Magistrate.

#### **All**

1. Clothing with offensive or inappropriate designs or markings is **not** permitted.
2. Clothing should not be overly revealing (of the cleavage, stomach, midriff or thighs).
3. No overly conspicuous jewelry should be worn.
4. Clothing and grooming styles dictated by religion are permitted (including headwear).
5. Tattoos should be discretely concealed where possible, and in any event no offensive tattoos shall be shown.
6. Flip-flops and slides are **not** permitted.
7. Sunglasses shall **not** be worn unless they are prescription or are being worn for medical reasons.
8. The following types of clothing/headwear are **NOT** permitted:
  - Hats, scarfs, hairnets/nightcaps, hair-rollers or "do-rags" (hoodies must be taken off the head). Unless such headwear is being worn for medical reasons.
  - Sweat pants
  - Leggings, yoga pants, or pyjama bottoms
  - Vests/muscle shirts i.e. sleeveless shirts
  - Sun, beach or spaghetti strap dresses/tops
  - Halter tops or tops with bare shoulders

**\* Exemptions may be granted in respect of the above Dress Code for Members of the Public if persons appear in Court when in custody and are therefore unable to change their clothing or to otherwise comply with the Dress Code.**

**Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2019**

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**The Worshipful Juan P. Wolffe  
Senior Magistrate**