

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**Order of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas
Security Services Identification Badges**

On this day there came to be considered by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, the matter of the authorization of the issuance of identification cards to certain individuals permitting entrance to a county building that houses a court without passing through security services, pursuant to Section 291.010 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

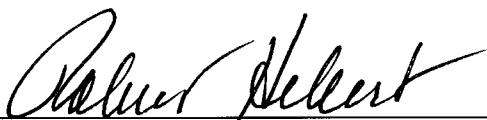
1. All visitors to the Fort Bend County Justice Center must enter through the security screening area as directed by the Fort Bend County Sheriff or his designee. All visitors are subject to search at the discretion of the Fort Bend County Sheriff, or his designee.
2. Frequent visitors to the Fort Bend County Justice Center, including but not limited to attorneys, contractors, vendors and bail bondsmen may be permitted to obtain a Fort Bend County Visitor Badge by submitting an application as described herein.
3. Applications for a Visitor’s Badge may be obtained from the Fort Bend County website (www.co.fort-bend.tx.us) or at the Information Desk at the Justice Center. Attorneys in good standing with the State Bar of Texas shall be subject to a \$25 annual application fee; frequent visitors other than attorneys shall be subject to a \$50 initial application fee and a renewal fee of \$25. Payment must be by check or money order payable to Fort Bend County, with a \$30 fee for returned checks.
4. The Visitor’s Badge will serve as identification and will normally allow the visitor identified on the badge to bypass security screening at the Justice Center. However, badge holders must follow the directions of the Sheriff’s Office Deputies and submit to screening, if requested.
5. Replacement badges will cost \$15 per lost badge. Payment must be by check or money order payable to Fort Bend County, with a \$30 fee for returned checks. Due to the high level of security necessary at the Justice Center, the Fort Bend County Sheriff reserves the right to refuse to reissue a Visitor’s Badge to an individual who requests a replacement badge more than 3 times per calendar year.
6. Fort Bend County employees who work at the Justice Center or have reason to be at the Justice Center on a regular basis will be issued an Identification Badge that will allow the employee identified to bypass security, as provided in Section 408 of the Fort Bend County Employee Information Manual.
7. This Order does not authorize a person to possess a firearm, as that term is defined by Section 46.01, TEXAS PENAL CODE, in a county building that houses a justice court,

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county court, county court at law, or district court. A person who possesses a firearm in any court described by this section or in any office used by the court without the court's written authorization or without complying with any written regulation of the court is subject to the penalties provided by Chapter 46, TEXAS PENAL CODE.

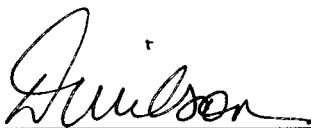
It is further ORDERED that this process shall be effective on January 23, 2012.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, this 24th day of January, 2012.



Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Attest:



Dianne Wilson, County Clerk

