

## Mount Vernon Municipal Court

### Video Hearing Information

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Due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the court will be conducting most hearings by video. You must appear by video or telephone on the date and time scheduled for your appearance. If you cannot appear by video or telephone, please contact the court for further directives. If you do not appear, the court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

Zoom is the platform used for video hearings. You may connect using a computer or phone. You may use both a computer for video and phone for better quality audio. Make sure you are in a place that has both good internet and phone connection.

Use the calendar information below to login to the hearing and call **at least** 5 minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

Call from a quiet location to reduce background noise and so that you can be heard clearly.

Make sure you are muted while you are waiting for your case to be called.

Do not announce yourself when you appear. Wait to be called on by the Judge during roll call or when your case is called to be heard.

When using a phone, press \*6 to take yourself off mute and \*6 to place yourself on mute again.

If you are represented by an attorney, talk to your attorney before the hearing to decide who will be speaking.

Identify your name for the record when you speak. Example: "This is Ms./Mr. \_\_\_\_" When using a computer, you may need to edit your name so that it appears with your video.

Speak loudly and clearly.

Follow directions given by the Judge about when it is your turn to speak.

If you have an objection to what the other side is saying, simply state, "objection". If you hear the person for the other side say "objection", you must stop speaking and wait for direction from the judge as to who should speak next.

Do not interrupt or talk over a person who has been called upon by the Judge.

You may need to wait for the organizer to start the meeting.

**Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/7969548877>

**Telephone:** 1-253-215-8782

**Meeting ID:** 796 954 8877