



# TUKWILA MUNICIPAL COURT

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## Tukwila Municipal Court Policy on Immigration Enforcement in the Tukwila Justice Center

The Tukwila Municipal Court maintains the principle that our court must remain open and accessible for all individuals to seek assistance, observe proceedings, attend hearings and appointments, and resolve disputes under the rule of law. It is the policy of the Tukwila Municipal Court that civil arrest warrants of individuals based on their immigration status shall not be executed within the Tukwila Justice Center Court unless it is directly ordered by the Presiding Judge. This policy does not prohibit law enforcement from executing warrants when public safety is at immediate risk or pursuant to a court order authorizing arrest. Prior to any civil arrest, the Presiding Judge shall review the court order authorizing arrest to ensure compliance with the law.

Per Washington State Court Rule, General Rule 38 (GR 38) Open Access to Courts, no person shall be subject to civil arrest without a judicial order while the person is inside the court. This includes the building, parking area, grassy areas, sidewalks, plazas, court-related offices, and entrances to and exits from the building and said spaces.

Per State Law RCW 2.28.330 Privilege from Civil Arrest – Court Facilities, no person is subject to civil arrest while going to, remaining at, or returning from, a court facility. For the purposes of this section, “going to” and “returning from” includes the area within one mile of the court facility.

Per Tukwila Municipal Code 2.98 Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws, court employees shall not inquire into the immigration or citizenship status of any person or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person.