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## KANSAS CITY, KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT

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### Court Announcement

Beginning February 29th, 2024, the Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court will require the use of Yondr bags in the courtrooms. The usage of the Yondr bag technology is aimed at enhancing the safety of attendees and ensuring a distraction-free environment in Municipal Court. Municipal Court attendees will place their devices in soft, lockable pouches before entering the court room. Attendees will maintain possession of their devices inside the Yondr bag, but will not be able to access their device. Attendees will be able to unlock their pouch and retrieve their cell phone when leaving the courtroom.

The benefits of utilizing Yondr bags include:

1. **Privacy and security** - Yondr bags protect the privacy of personal information and conversations that could be captured by electronic devices, ensuring confidentiality in legal matters and protection of witnesses and defendants.
2. **Enhanced focus** - by eliminating the temptation to check or use mobile devices during court sessions, Yondr bags foster an environment where participants can concentrate solely on the proceedings, leading to more productive and efficient hearings.
3. **Respect for decorum** - Yondr bags encourage individuals to remain attentive and respectful, reducing disruptions caused by ringing phones, text message alerts, or the unauthorized capturing of sensitive courtroom information/interactions.

