

PORTAGE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT

RULES OF PROBATION

Can you read, write, and understand the English language? Yes or No (circle one)

According to authority conferred by the Revised Code of the State of Ohio, this court has placed you on probation. Persons placed on probation by the Portage County Courts are required to abide by the laws governing probation, by the terms and conditions of probation as specified by the Judge, and by the rules and regulations of this department.

Under Ohio law, the court may, at any time, revoke probation for cause, modify the conditions of probation, or reduce or extend the period of probation. You are subject to arrest for cause and without warrant by probation officers or by law enforcement officers for violation of your probation.

A violation of one or more of the following Rules of Probation may cause the revocation of your probation.

1. You are required to reply promptly to any communication from the Court, its representative, the Adult Probation Department, or any of its probation officers. You must have voicemail setup on your phone and keep it empty so messages can be left.
2. You are required to report to your probation officer as directed. If for any good reason you are unable to report as directed, it is your responsibility to notify your probation officer or the Adult Probation Department immediately **and prior to your scheduled appointment**.
3. You are not to violate any laws or ordinances (federal, state, and local).
4. You are to seek and maintain lawful, full-time employment and/or education program. Any change of employment shall be made only after prior approval by your probation officer. You may not work for any job caring for the elderly, children or mentally disabled persons without the permission of the Judge and/or Adult Probation Department.
5. You will not change your residence without the prior approval of your probation officer. A change of phone number must be given to your probation officer within 24 hours.
6. You are not to own or be in possession of any dangerous ordnance, firearm, ammunition, or weapons of any kind.
7. You are to notify your probation officer immediately upon contact with any law enforcement agency.
8. You will not leave the State of Ohio without the prior written authorization of your probation officer.
9. You are to refrain from offensive conduct. You are not to associate with juveniles or any person on probation/parole or having a criminal record. You will not be permitted to correspond with or visit with inmates of jails or prisons without the permission of your probation officer and the superintendent of the institution.
10. You will not consume any alcoholic beverages or enter any places where alcohol is served and/or given away, unless specified otherwise by the court.
11. You will not have, acquire, possess, or consume any drugs, except for those prescribed for you by a licensed physician and taken according to the physician's written instructions. This includes any type of mood altering substance or dangerous drug including synthetics (K2, Spice, Bath Salts, Kratom, etc.).

Medical Marijuana in any form is not permitted while on probation. You must provide verification of all prescribed medications to your probation officer. You will not consume any foods containing poppy seeds while under supervision.

12. You will submit to observed drug and/or alcohol testing (urine, saliva and/or breath) upon the request of the Adult Probation Department and any of its officers. You must provide a sufficient, non-dilute sample. If additional testing is required (e.g. hair testing, lab, hospital, etc.) it will be at your expense. If your sample has been adulterated in any fashion (falsification, ingestion of altering substances, etc.) it will be considered a violation.
13. You will provide a DNA specimen as directed by the Adult Probation Department pursuant to Ohio Law.
14. You will sign a Release(s) of Information at the request of the Adult Probation Department.
15. You will comply with all terms and conditions of the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM), Electronic Monitoring House Arrest monitor (SCRAMx) and/or Ignition Interlock units while on supervised probation, if so ordered by the Court. This includes all relative fees.
16. You will abide by and maintain an 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily curfew in your approved residence unless otherwise authorized by your probation officer, e.g. employment or other valid reasons. You will submit to probation officers conducting visits and warrantless searches of your person, private residence, personal property, automobiles, electronic devices or any property which you have been given permission to use if they have reasonable grounds to believe you are not abiding by the law or the terms and conditions of your probation.
17. You are to pay your finer and court costs at either 1.) The Adult Probation Department in the form of a **money order made payable to the Portage County Clerk of Courts**, OR 2.) Directly at the appropriate Clerk of Courts with credit/debit card (with a processing fee), personal check or cash and present your probation officer with a receipt from the Clerk's Office for documentation in your file.
18. You are to pay restitution to the victim(s) of crime or their agents, for all court ordered restitution at the Probation Department. All payments shall be made in the form of a **money order made payable to the victim or appropriate agent**. The restitution payment will be mailed by the Adult Probation Department via the U.S. Mail Service to the victim or appropriate agent and documented in your file.
19. You are to pay a monthly probation fee of \$50.00 to the Adult Probation Department. Such payment shall be made at either 1.) The Adult Probation Department in the form of a **money order made payable to the Portage County Treasurer**, OR 2.) You may pay with a credit/debit card (with a processing fee), personal check or cash directly through the Clerk of Courts.
20. While on probation, you will comply with all conditions and terms. You are to begin all court requirements within seven (7) days of being placed on probation.

I have received a copy of the Rules of Probation and I have had them read and explained to me. I understand the Rules of Probation and I agree to abide by them while on probation.

Probationer's Signature

Date

Probation Officer's Signature

Date

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