

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Rockwall Municipal Court is a court of record. There is no automatic trial de novo in the county court at law when appealing from a conviction in the Rockwall Municipal Court.

An appeal from a conviction in the Rockwall Municipal Court must be based on alleged errors in the proceedings or the trial, and these errors must be set forth in the appealing party's motion for new trial. A motion for new trial must be presented to the Court on or before the 10th day after the judgment is entered. To perfect an appeal from a conviction in the Rockwall Municipal Court, the motion for new trial must be made in writing and must set forth the points of error on which the motion for new trial is based.

If the Court does not act on a timely motion for new trial before the expiration of 30 days, the motion for new trial is overruled automatically (by operation of law). A notice of appeal must be filed in the Rockwall County Court at Law on or before the 10th day after the motion for new trial is denied or overruled (either by the Court or by operation of law).

An appealing party is responsible for requesting a transcription of the proceedings, and for paying the costs of the transcription. There is a \$750.00 transcription fee deposit. If the transcription costs more, there will be a balance owed; if the transcription costs less, there will be a refund of the balance. **Parties will not be given a copy of the recording of the proceedings.**

Unless the appealing party is in jail, the appealing party must post a bond with the Court of \$100.00 or double the amount of the fines and costs set forth in the judgment, whichever is greater.

If a party wants a record of any part of the proceedings, including pretrial and trial proceedings, the party must make that request in writing. The Court is not required to make a record of any proceeding unless it is requested by a party or their representative, or it is requested by the presiding judge.