

# COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AGREEMENT

## PAYMENT

1. The supervisor will be paid \$55.00 an hour in cash or electronically, as agreed to in advance by the supervisor, as payment for all periods of supervised visitation.
2. There is a minimum charge of \$110.00 (for two (2) hours).
3. The visiting party may be allowed to bring extended family members to the visit **with prior approval by the court or by Visitation Services**. Adding extended family members requires an additional fee of \$10 per hour per additional person.
4. The maximum number of people in a visit supervised by one supervisor is five (5), this includes the supervisor. The supervisor may observe up to four people, including the person(s) being supervised and the child(ren).
5. Should the visitation group exceed five (5) people, a second 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor is required at an additional \$55.00 per hour.
6. **If the supervisor terminates the visit for good cause, the supervisor will retain the full fee for the time scheduled.**
7. If the person dropping off or picking up the child(ren) is more than 15 minutes late, that person is required to pay the supervisor a \$55.00 late fee or \$55.00 per hour at the start of each hour for any portion of an hour beyond the scheduled ending time for the visitation, whichever is greater.
8. If the visit occurs at a place that requires an admission fee, ticket, parking fee, or other expenses, the visiting party is required to pay the supervisor's fee and expenses, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
9. The supervisor will be paid \$55.00 per hour by any party requesting the supervisor to appear for testimony, with a \$110.00 minimum paid in advance of the hearing. Any time over the two (2) hour minimum spent in court will require an additional \$55.00 per hour fee.

## CANCELLATIONS

1. If there is a last-minute **EMERGENCY** reason to cancel, it is the party's responsibility to contact the supervisor to cancel. When the cancellation occurs less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled visit time, whoever cancels the visit is responsible for paying the supervisor for the entire time scheduled. The supervisor will **not** be paid for a supervised visit that is

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cancelled more than **24 hours in advance. Payment for cancelled visits must be made before another visit can be scheduled.**

2. Visits cancelled by the party in possession of the child(ren) or due to supervisor's unavailability may be scheduled for a make-up visit. No make-up visitation will be scheduled for a visitation period that is cancelled by the visiting party.

## **SUPERVISION**

1. All supervised visitations shall be arranged through Visitation Services and occur in Tarrant County.
2. **Locations and times of visits are at the discretion of the supervisor.** Supervisors will not attend religious services or water parks.
3. Each supervised visitation is scheduled for a minimum of two (2) hours, maximum three (3) hours, unless otherwise ordered.
4. The parties shall arrive at and depart from the scheduled place and time punctually. If the **visiting** party is more than 15 minutes late, **the visit will be cancelled**, and the visiting party will be required to pay for the entire time scheduled. If the **transporting** party is late, the visit will be extended the appropriate amount of time as deemed by the supervisor and the transporting party **will be charged the \$55 late fee.**
5. The visiting party **must** remain in the visit venue during both exchanges of the child(ren). The supervisor will collect the child(ren) from the transporting party at the beginning of the visit and return the child(ren) to the transporting party at the conclusion of the visit. The visiting party must remain in the venue until released by the supervisor.
6. The supervisor **shall NOT** transport the child(ren) at any time during visitation unless the supervisor determines there is an emergency and failure to transport the child(ren) would result in physical harm to the child(ren).
7. The visiting parent **shall NOT** transport the child(ren) at any time during visitation.
8. The supervisor shall remain close enough to be able to hear and see the child(ren) at all times. The supervisor shall not leave the child(ren) unattended at any time.
9. If necessary, the supervisor shall instruct the adult or the child(ren), to speak in a tone that can be heard by the supervisor. Whispering is not allowed.

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1. Restroom or personal needs of the child(ren) must be handled by the parents unless physical contact is prohibited by the court.
2. If the visiting parent is prohibited by court order or safety plan from physical contact with the child(ren), the parents must arrange for an appropriate agreed upon individual or a court authorized person, other than themselves, who is not participating in the case, to take care of the bathroom or personal needs of the child(ren), prior to scheduling or arranging the visit.
3. The supervisor shall not permit any discussion of the case with the child(ren).
4. Discussion about the other parent, the other parent's family members, or any activities that occur in the home of the other parent is strictly prohibited.
5. The supervisor shall immediately stop / prohibit contact or touching between a parent and a child that reasonably appears inappropriate or that appears to make the child(ren) uncomfortable.
6. The supervisor shall examine all gifts and letters for appropriateness before allowing such to be given to the child(ren). Supervisors may keep inappropriate letters or gifts and explain to the parent after the child(ren) has left why the letter or gift is inappropriate.
7. The supervisor shall remain as unobtrusive as possible; however, the supervisor shall provide guidance or assistance with any parenting issues when needed.
8. The supervisor shall stay with the child(ren) until the child(ren)'s other parent or designated adult arrives to pick up the child(ren). If it is a designated adult unfamiliar to the supervisor, the adult's identity shall be confirmed by driver's license, State I.D., or Passport.
9. If the child(ren) is not picked up within an hour of the scheduled end to the visitation and after all attempts to locate the other parent have been exhausted, the supervisor shall call CPS at 800-252-5400 and then notify the Visitation Coordinator or Visitation Coordinator designee. The supervisor and the visiting parent must wait with the child(ren) until the police or a representative of CPS arrive to pick up the child(ren).
10. Parties shall limit use of cell phones during their visits as it takes time away from their child(ren). During the visit, the child(ren) will not be allowed to speak on any phone to anyone.
11. Photographs may be taken at the discretion of the supervisor. Video cameras are not allowed. Audio or video recordings will not be permitted during the visitation.

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1. Attempts by extended family or friends to make contact with the visiting parent or the child(ren) during their scheduled visitation, may result in visitation privileges being suspended or revoked. This includes non-physical contact such as gesturing, talking, yelling, and videotaping.
2. There shall be no consumption of alcohol or unprescribed drugs 12 hours prior or during a visit by either party.
3. For security purposes, the visiting party is prohibited from bringing or carrying on his/her person, any item that would not be allowed in the secured area of the Tarrant County Family Courthouse.
4. Prohibited conduct includes:
  - a. Use of physical force to discipline the child(ren), including spanking.
  - b. Use of profane or vulgar language.
  - c. Complaining about or discussing the legal case with the supervisor.
  - d. Arguing with the supervisor
  - e. Bringing pets/animals to the visit. (ADA excepted)
  - f. Physically examining the child(ren), clipping nails, cutting hair, applying lotions, or administering medications.
5. Holiday and vacation times may pose special circumstances and the supervisor may, at his or her discretion, arrange visitation as closely to the Order for Supervised Visitation as possible.
- 6. THE SUPERVISOR IS A MANDATORY REPORTER AND MUST CONTACT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, THE POLICE, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WHEN THE SUPERVISOR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A CHILD'S PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OR WELFARE IS OR HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ABUSE OR NEGLECT.**
- 7. THE SUPERVISOR MAY STOP ANY VISIT IN WHICH INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR IS OBSERVED OR IF A PARTY APPEARS TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.**
- 8. THE SUPERVISOR MAY STOP THE VISIT IF THE PARENT ARGUES WITH THE SUPERVISOR OR CONTINUES ANY INAPPROPRIATE CONVERSATION AFTER BEING REDIRECTED BY THE SUPERVISOR.**