

WEST YELLOWSTONE CITY COURT

June 10, 2026

Dear West Yellowstone Resident:

You are being served with a notice for Jury Duty in the West Yellowstone City Court for a one-year term. This notice is **not** a summons to report on a specific date. This one-year term starts July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. The District Clerk and Recorder randomly made the selection by computer from a list of Montana registered voters, licensed drivers, and holders of I.D. cards who reside within the city limits of West Yellowstone.

***You must complete the entire questionnaire even if you request to be excused ** This year the Montana Legislature amended §3-15-313, MCA, allowing all prospective jurors 75 years of age or older, to be excused on request.**

For most, jury service is inconvenient. A Judge is bound by Montana State Law to only grant limited excusals on the basis of undue hardship or for medical reasons. Please fill out and notarize the enclosed affidavit if you believe you should be considered for these reasons and attach any supporting documentation.

You will be notified when you are needed to serve on a specific trial. When your name is randomly drawn for jury service, the Court will notify you from seven to ten days in advance of when you must appear to serve. The average jury trial lasts one day. In a typical year, a juror will be called for jury duty only once. Many times, cases settle before you are ordered to report. We will keep you advised as the jury trial date nears.

If you are going to be out of town during your jury service term, please notify the Court in writing before you leave so that you will not be called for jury duty during your absence. An unexcused absence will result in a Citation for Contempt of Court.

We look forward to having you serve on the jury panel. If the Court can be of help or service to you, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call 646-7845 or email kparker@westyellowstone.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Larry Jent

Honorable Larry Jent
West Yellowstone City Judge

* If you have moved out of the city limits of West Yellowstone, please write your new address on the enclosed affidavit, have it notarized, and return it to West Yellowstone City Court.

440 Yellowstone Avenue * PO Box 1570 * West Yellowstone, MT 59758 * (406) 646-7845
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**JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE AS JUROR
WEST YELLOWSTONE CITY COURT 2026-2027***

PLEASE FILL OUT WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS

Name: _____ PO Box _____

Physical Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Employer: _____ Years/Months at Job: ____ / ____

Employer's Mailing Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Work Phone: _____ Ext. _____

Occupation: _____ Other jobs held in last 3 years: _____

Marital Status: _____ Number of Children: _____ Ages: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Education Years: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Employer: _____

I have had the following contact with the court system: Plaintiff ____ Defendant ____ Witness ____

Involved in a lawsuit _____ (directly/indirectly) Other (explain) _____

If you were directly involved, please state the type of case _____

Are you a friend or relative of any judge, lawyer, or law enforcement officer? Yes/No

Explain: _____ Have you served in the military? Yes/No

Do you presently hold an elected/appointed political office? Yes/No

I have had the following contact with an attorney: I now have an attorney representing me _____.

I have had an attorney represent me in the past _____. I am directly related to an attorney _____.

I am a close friend of an attorney _____.

Have you served as a Juror in the past? _____ Where: _____ When: _____

I **further certify**: (please circle)

I am a registered voter in Gallatin County and live in the city limits of West Yellowstone Yes/No

I have been convicted of a felony, or high crime, or of malfeasance in office. Yes/No

Participation in jury duty is a civic responsibility; therefore, if you have a special need or disability that requires assistance, please advise the court. If there are other reasons why you feel you cannot serve, please complete the Affidavit For Excusal on the reverse side and return it to the court in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

I certify that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE

SIGNATURE

*Mont. Code Ann. § 45-7-309 makes failure to fill out and return this Jury Questionnaire a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 and/or 6 months in jail.

Affidavit for Excusal

State of Montana,
Town of West Yellowstone

JurorName _____
MailingAddress _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Print Name) declares:

Affiant is informed of having been called as a trial juror in the City Court of West Yellowstone, in the State of Montana, to be held in West Yellowstone, Montana. Affiant is applying for the following excusal and requests the Court's review:

- PERMANENT EXCLUSION – Must be chronically incapacitated by illness or injury (include Physician's certification). If Court approves, the Affiant will be permanently excused from jury service.

- CHANGE IN RESIDENCE – Affiant no longer resides in the city limits of West Yellowstone.
New address: _____
- UNDUE HARDSHIP – Must state occupation and specific facts which Affiant believes constitutes undue hardship; having in mind jury service constitutes a duty of every competent citizen.

Note: If the Court denies your excuse for undue hardship, you may again submit a request if you are summoned for a trial. Examples of potential undue hardships include military service, move, college, long-planned vacation, employment out of state, residence out of state, or other unusual personal circumstance. If you know you will be gone for a specific period of time, please list it here:

I declare under penalty of perjury and the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Prospective Juror

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me before this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Seal)

Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____
Notary Public for the State of: _____
Residing at: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

	APPROVED
	NOT APPROVED

COMMENTS: _____

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

Larry Jent, City Judge