

# Jasper County Veterans Court



## PARTICIPANT'S MANUAL

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# WELCOME

***Welcome to the Jasper County Veterans Court (VTC) program.*** If accepted into the Veterans Treatment Court program, you will be expected to follow the instructions given in Veterans Court by the VTC Judge, and comply with the treatment plan developed for you by your Veterans Court Team.

This Handbook is designed to answer questions, address concerns, and provide overall information about the Veterans Treatment Court program. All participants are encouraged to share this handbook with family and friends who will be supporting you in your recovery.

## **OVERVIEW**

VTC is an intensive treatment program. You need to be willing to fully commit yourself to the program. The VTC program consists of five (5) phases. Each phase consists of specific treatment goals, activities, and requirements that you must meet before moving to the next phase. While there are certain things you must complete, your ability to move along in the program and graduate will depend mostly on your actions. Once you have completed the requirements for each phase, you will be eligible for graduation from the program.

The ***minimum*** amount of time it will take to complete this program is **18 months**. If you are not honest, miss appointments, ignore requirements, or fail to stay away from drugs and/or alcohol, your time in VTC could be longer, or you could be terminated from the program.

You will attend VTC on a regular basis in order to discuss your case with the VTC Judge. The number of times you must appear depends on the phase that you are in. As a participant, you will be expected to follow the instructions given by the VTC Judge and comply with the treatment plan that will be developed by you and your treatment team. You will receive incentives or sanctions according to how well you have followed the rules of the program and progress.

### **Guilty Plea and Sentencing:**

Under most circumstances, you will be required to plead guilty and be sentenced to participate in the Veterans Court program. You will not be allowed to withdraw your guilty plea if you are terminated or withdraw from the VTC program.

### **Program Fee:**

Each participant must pay a minimum program fee of \$50.00 per month, totaling \$900.00. Each participant must pay as directed by the Probation Officer. If participants are classified as indigent and meet the Federal Poverty Guidelines established by Probation and Parole, they may request their fees be waived due to financial hardship. These cases will be discussed by the Treatment Court team on a case by case basis pending each participant's financial situation. Participants will not be held back in their phase due to financial hardship. If you leave or are terminated from the program, you will forfeit any money paid toward the fee. Fee payments will be reported to the VTC Judge as part of your regular progress report. In addition to the program fee, you may incur treatment-related costs.

## Phases of the Veterans Court Program<sup>1</sup>

	Courage Phase	Challenge Phase	Change Phase	Commitment Phase	Confidence Phase
<b>Minimum Length</b>	2 months	4 months	5 months	4 months	3 months
<b>Court Appearances</b>	Twice Monthly	Twice Monthly	Once a month or as directed	Once a month or as directed	Once a month or as directed
<b>Probation Officer Meeting</b>	Weekly or as directed	Every 2 weeks or as directed	Every 2 weeks or as directed	Once a month or as directed	Once a month or as directed
<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol Testing</b>	Daily call-in	Daily call-in	Daily call-in	Daily call-in	Daily call-in
<b>Treatment (Group)</b>	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed
<b>Treatment (Individual)</b>	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed	As prescribed
<b>Community Support Groups</b>	As directed by your treatment provider	1 times per week/Obtain sponsor/mentor	2 times per week/Maintain sponsor/mentor	2 times per week/Maintain sponsor/mentor	2 times per week/Maintain sponsor/mentor
<b>Volunteer Project / Self Improvement</b>	Establish plan and present to court	25% completed	50% complete	100% completed	Completed
<b>Program Fee</b>	Document monthly expenses	Complete budget assessment	Pay as agreed	Pay as agreed	Pay as agreed
<b>Days of Sobriety (Minimum)</b>	14 days	30 days	45 days	60 days	90 days
<b>Full-Time Employment</b>	Not required	Seek and obtain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
<b>Phase Advancement</b>	Application to advance to Challenge Phase	Application to advance to Change Phase	Application to advance to Commitment Phase	Application to advance to Confidence Phase	Exit interview and Application for graduation
<b>Mentor</b>	Obtain mentor	Maintain contact with mentor	Maintain contact with mentor	Maintain contact with mentor	Maintain contact with mentor

<sup>1</sup> All program requirements are subject to change. Each participant will receive an individualized plan based on his/her own needs and progress.

## Court Attendance:

- ✳ Always be on time and dressed appropriately for court
- ✳ Be prepared to discuss your progress with the VTC Judge
- ✳ Complete all tasks ordered in your VTC contract and bring proof of completion
- ✳ Leave food and drink outside the courtroom
- ✳ Turn off cell phones and pagers
- ✳ Please remain quiet throughout court and refrain from talking

## Missed Counseling and Probation Sessions:

- ✳ If you miss a session, you will need to make up that session. If you must miss an appointment/session, it is your responsibility to provide a 24 hour notice prior to appointment/sessions so that it can be rescheduled.
- ✳ It is very important to attend and participate in every session. A pattern of missed sessions or lack of participation will result in a sanction

## Courtroom Etiquette and Dress Code:

You will be expected to act and dress appropriately for court and treatment sessions. Maintain a respectful attitude at all times in the court building and in the courtrooms. Address the VTC Judge as “Your Honor” or “Judge”. Stand when addressing the court. You are expected to be respectful to the courtroom, VTC Judge, Veterans Court personnel, and other Veterans Court participants. Please turn off cell phones before you enter the courtroom or treatment sessions.

The following dress code applies to all court sessions, probation meetings, and treatment sessions. As a participant you will be expected to wear:

- ✳ Shirt or blouse, jeans, pants, dress, or skirt of reasonable length.

The following items will be considered inappropriate:

- ✳ Clothing bearing drug/alcohol related use or themes
- ✳ Clothing with vulgar or profane words, clothing depicting violence or sexual acts, muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, shorts, cut-off jeans, baggy pants that fall below the hips, pants with holes, and hats (except those worn for religious purposes).
- ✳ Sunglasses are not to be worn inside the courtroom or treatment center unless medically approved.

If you appear in court with inappropriate attire, you will be asked to leave and it will count as an unexcused absence. Speak with your treatment team if you need assistance with obtaining appropriate clothing.

## Program Rules:

As a participant, you will be required to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in the **Participant Contract**<sup>2</sup>, including, but not limited to the following:

- ✳ Total abstinence from the use of drugs and alcohol. ***This includes non-alcoholic beers, energy drinks containing alcohol, and synthetic cannabinoids such as K2 and Spice.***
- ✳ You must present any treating physician with your Notice to Any Health Care Provider card each and every time you seek treatment. You must inform your treatment physician(s) if you are a recovering addict.
- ✳ Provide list of medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) to Probation Officer within first two weeks. If there are changes, update the list within 24 hours.
- ✳ Keep your probation officer and treatment provider, or any other members of the VTC team informed of your current address and phone number at all times.

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<sup>2</sup> The contract is contained at the end of this manual. Please read it carefully as it outlines the requirements in more detail.

- ✳ Attend court, treatment, probation, and community support groups meetings as directed and provide weekly verification of attendance.
- ✳ Submit to random drug and alcohol testing as directed by the VTC team.
- ✳ Provide weekly verification of employment and/or school to your probation officer.
- ✳ Inform your probation officer within 24 hours of any contact with law enforcement regardless of whether you are issued a citation or arrested.
- ✳ Successful completion of all phases.
- ✳ Submit to random home visits. As a participant, your person, property, home, vehicle, and personal effects may be searched at any time with or without reasonable suspicion. Your home must be free of all alcohol and drugs.
- ✳ Abide by all other program rules and regulations imposed by the VTC team.

### **Volunteer Hours/Self-Improvement:**

As a participant of VTC, you will be given 75 hours of volunteer work and self-improvement. Your treatment court team will direct you how to complete these hours. Your probation officer will verify these hours and report them to the court. All volunteer/self-improvement hours **must** be completed prior to moving the Confidence Phase of the program.

### **Employment/Education Requirement:**

Financial stability is very important. Starting in the Change Phase, you must maintain full-time employment or be enrolled in an approved academic program (see below). If you are already on SSI (disability) when you begin the program, the employment requirement will be waived but you may still be required to complete volunteer hours as directed by the VTC team. Your probation officer will work with you to find a community service option that you can do with your disability.

A participant may choose to enroll in school rather than obtain full-time employment if approved by the VTC team. If approved, a participant must be enrolled full-time in an accredited academic program (the equivalent of 14 hours per semester) unless alternative arrangements with your probation officer are made. The class schedule cannot consist of more than six hours of online classes. The probation officer will require written verification of attendance, syllabus, assignments, etc. Participants must maintain a 2.0 GPA. During summer and winter breaks, participants must work full time or complete volunteer work in the community as directed by the VTC team.

### **Treatment Requirement:**

If you are required to engage in substance abuse/mental health treatment, you will be required to attend treatment as directed by your treatment provider. Your treatment team will develop a treatment plan following an overall assessment of your needs. The total number of hours/groups/individual sessions will depend on your individualized plan. The plan will act as a guide and will be maintained by your treatment counselor and will be updated and expanded as you progress through the VTC program.

### **Community Support Groups (12-Step Meeting Attendance):**

As a participant of VTC you may be required to attend community support group meetings. Attendance of community support groups such as, but not limited to, Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous will be part of your recovery. The number of required meetings depends on the phase. It is required that you arrive to meetings on time and that you stay for the entire session. You are responsible for maintaining your own log, but please note that **only** the meeting's chairperson can sign the log. Falsification of logs will result in a severe sanction. There may be other meetings in the community that you and the VTC team considers support, for these instances, discuss this option with your probation officer and treatment provider.

We count meetings from Sunday through Saturday. You may not double up on meetings without prior approval from your probation officer or treatment provider. You must present your verification logs as long with proof of employment and/or community service to probation officer each Monday or as directed.

### **Drug and Alcohol Testing:**

VTC uses both regular and random drug/alcohol screenings throughout the VTC program. Primarily, the program uses daily random drug and alcohol testing based on a call code system. You will be assigned a call-in code and be given a phone number to call ***every day***, between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. The recording will prompt you to enter your call-in code and the first four letters of your last name. After you enter the required information the recording will tell you if you are required to report for a drug screen. If you are selected to submit a random drug test you will need to report between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. to TOMO Drug Testing located at 705 Illinois Ave Joplin, MO 64801 for drug testing. ***Failure to call, failure to report for drug testing, failure to admit to drug use prior to drug testing, and/or failure to submit a urine sample for drug testing will result in sanctions.*** Employment is not an acceptable reason to fail to report for drug testing. If you frequently work during these hours, you must make alternative arrangements with your probation officer or your employer.

In addition to the call-in code system, you may be asked to submit to testing during court sessions, or meetings with your probation officer or treatment provider. All drug/alcohol testing procedures will be explained to you at the time of the test. You have the right to witness all urine testing and to be made aware of the results. You have a right to request confirmation testing. Drug test results will be shared with all other VTC team members. In addition to submitting urine samples for drug testing, you may be asked to submit a sample of your breath for alcohol testing, to blood tests, and/or to hair follicle testing.

One of the many goals of the Veterans Court is to help you achieve total abstinence from alcohol and illicit drugs. A positive breath or urine test will not automatically terminate you from the program. Dishonesty concerning use will result in a more severe sanction. No new criminal charges will be filed against you as a result of a positive breath or urine test, unless a separate crime has been committed.

### **Mentors:**

As a part of the Veterans Court, you will be assigned a mentor. The volunteer Veteran Mentor will act as a coach, guide, role model, advocate, and support you. The mentors will also attend scheduled court sessions when they are able to. Mentors themselves are veterans. Every effort is made to recruit a diverse group of Veteran Mentors from all branches of the military and from various periods of service. You are required to meet with your mentor as specified in your treatment plan. The VTC Judge will ask for the mentor coordinator's opinion on your progress but will not discuss personal information. It is strongly encouraged that you obtain a separate community sponsor to support you with your mental health and/or substance abuse recovery needs since your court mentor is only temporary support.

### **Home Visit Guidelines:**

Home visits will serve as a way for court officers to become better acquainted with your family and assess living conditions. Home visits will be conducted randomly at any time day or night. They will be conducted in a professional and discreet manner. Your person/home/vehicle may be subject to search without a warrant for drugs, drug paraphernalia, and alcohol. People living at your residence should be advised that the ***entire*** home will be subject to inspection. If you are not at home when a home visit is attempted, the court officer will leave a business card. You must call back as soon as you return home no matter what time you return.

## Relationships with Other Treatment Court Participants:

You will be expected to treat other participants with respect both inside and outside the courtroom. This extends to anyone attending community support or other treatment group. Physical and sexual harassment will not be tolerated. You are prohibited from living with or engaging in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with anyone participating in a Jasper County Treatment Court. Married couples may be considered for treatment court but may be subject to additional counseling requirements. In addition, married couples will not be permitted to attend treatment sessions together unless prior approval has been granted by the Veterans Court Team.

## Confidentiality:

Your identity and privacy will be protected consistent with Missouri law. In response to these regulations, policies and procedures have been developed which guard your confidentiality. You will be asked to sign a release of information authorizing the transfer of information among all participating agencies as well as a release of liability. If you are employed, your employment may be terminated if contacted by a probation officer. If you think this may happen to you, tell your attorney, probation officer, and the judge. The VTC Judge may choose to enter a no-contact order on your behalf. This order would prevent your probation officer from contacting your employer for employment verification. However, in lieu of such contact, you will be required to provide regular pay stubs to your program officer as a means of verifying your employment. You are also expected to respect and maintain the confidentiality of others and can be held accountable for breaching confidentiality. If there are family members that you wish VTC not to speak with, make sure you indicate so on your release forms as “family” can refer to multiple people.

## Waivers:

You understand that by agreeing to participate in VTC, you are waiving your right to usual court proceedings during your participation time in VTC, such as questioning or disputing the legality of a search and seizure, a preliminary hearing, and a trial by jury or court. Admission into VTC requires acceptance of this responsibility. You also understand that admission, participation, graduation, and termination from VTC is entirely within the discretion of the VTC Team.

## Program Reponses:

### 🌀 Incentives:

- The VTC program recognizes the effort that it takes in attempting to improve behaviors, choices, and ultimately lifestyles. Incentives compel compliance and success in case outcomes. Incentives spotlight desired compliance and help to build trust between you and the VTC team. With that in mind, the VTC program recognizes all markers of success even if in a small way. Examples of behaviors/accomplishments that lead to incentives are included below.

Behaviors/Accomplishments	Possible Incentives/Responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 day clean/sober</li><li>• Assisting others</li><li>• Increased contact with child</li><li>• Infraction/Violation free for 60+ days</li><li>• Maintaining employment</li><li>• Monthly report of being clean/sober</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Obtaining employment</li><li>• Obtaining GED/degree</li><li>• Outstanding accomplishment</li><li>• Perfect attendance</li><li>• Phase completion/advancement</li><li>• Recognition of investment in program</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applause</li><li>• Curfew extension/removal</li><li>• Decreased court appearances</li><li>• Early dismissal from court<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gift Certificate</li></ul></li><li>• Praise from judge</li><li>• Recognition certificate</li><li>• Recommendation letter for job</li><li>• Reduction of community service hours</li><li>• Reduction of supervision</li><li>• Travel privileges</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-day clean/sober</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtaining driver's license</li> </ul>	
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★ **Sanctions:**

- If you fail to comply with the VTC program, the VTC Judge may order one or more of the following sanctions. Sanctions are graduated and individualized. Sanctions are not negotiable and are imposed in an effort to modify your behavior. Sanctions are not intended to be fun and will, most times, consist of hard work such as manual labor.
- Punitive sanctions and treatment responses are very different. “Sanctions” that increase the level of treatment are considered treatment responses and are imposed to help and not punish you. Other sanctions are imposed in an effort to modify behavior so that you learn to make better choices. While sanctions may be viewed as punishment, the intention is to teach or inspire changes in your behavior. Sanctions are not imposed arbitrarily and are imposed after detailed discussion among the team and between you and the judge occurs
- Sanctions are imposed on an individual basis. Other participants in similar circumstances may receive different sanctions to what appear to you to be the same infraction. This is not unusual nor is it inappropriate. You are viewed as an individual and thus, your individual progress, attendance, and history is taken into account at each occurrence.

**Examples of Typical Infractions/Violations**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral issues (poor attitude and/or being disruptive)</li> <li>• Providing a dilute/altered drug test</li> <li>• Failing to attend scheduled events</li> <li>• Failing to complete volunteer hours</li> <li>• Failing to engage in services</li> <li>• Failing to follow counselor/case manager instruction</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failing to follow court instructions and/or orders</li> <li>• Failing to submit support group meeting slips</li> <li>• Filling prescribed medication without authorization</li> <li>• Lying or deliberately omitting information to/from the court</li> <li>• Missing drug test</li> <li>• Missing treatment appointments</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing mental health appointments</li> <li>• Missing probation check-in</li> <li>• Missing treatment group sessions</li> <li>• Non-compliance with approved medications</li> <li>• Positive drug test</li> <li>• Tardiness to and/or absence from court</li> <li>• Tardiness to and/or absence from treatment group sessions</li> <li>• Use of drugs and/or alcohol</li> <li>• Use and/or Possession of synthetic and/or designer drugs</li> </ul> |
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**Examples of Serious Infractions/Violations  
(may result in immediate removal from VTC)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging in romantic/sexual relationship with any Jasper County Treatment Court participant</li> <li>• New criminal arrest/offense</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possession and/or Use of synthetic and/or replacement drugs</li> <li>• Tampering/Falsifying drug test</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threats of violence or violent behavior</li> <li>• Submitting falsified documents</li> </ul> |
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### Examples of Possible Sanctions/Responses

1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence:

- Community Service
- Admonishment from judge
- Curfew
- Essay on topic related to infraction
- Increased community support group meetings
- Increased drug testing
- Keeping a calendar
- Phase extension
- Sit in jury box
- Stay to the end of court
- Verbal and/or written apology

2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence:

- Community Service
- Admonishment from judge
- Court observation days
- Curfew
- Educational workbooks
- Essay on topic related to infraction
- Fines
- Incarceration
- Increased court appearances
- Increased drug testing
- Increased supervision
- Phase extension
- Removal of privileges
- Return to lower phase
- Round table with VTC team

3<sup>rd</sup> and/or Multiple Occurrences:

- Community Service
- Admonishment from judge
- Fines
- Incarceration
- Increased court appearances
- Increased drug testing
- Increased supervision
- Peer review
- Phase extension
- Program removal
- Extension in current VTC phase

### Automatic Sanctions/Responses to Certain Behaviors

Missed/Positive drug test  
 • Automatic extension in phase regardless of progress (# of days is based on phase)

Missed court hearing  
 • Capias “warrant” issued for arrest

*This page provides a list as an example only. The judge has final determination of all sanctions based on individual history/previous progress.*

### ★ Therapeutic Adjustments

- If you are honest about any use or fail to follow rules and/or expectations which you may not be fully capable of following you will be responded to with therapeutic adjustments referred to as “treatment responses”. If you are not responding to treatment interventions, but are otherwise compliant with treatment and supervision requirements, punitive sanctions will not be imposed. Treatment responses that increase your level of treatment are not sanctions. They are imposed to help you learn from your choices and to not repeat them and are designed to improve the overall effectiveness and response to the treatment episode.
- Treatment-oriented responses for substance use while in VTC are based on the recommendation of treatment providers. Input from other team members will be permitted for thorough discussion with the ultimate recommendation being made by the treating providers. Examples of behaviors that lead to treatment responses are listed below. This is not a complete list and only represents possible treatment responses that may be recommended.

## Examples of Typical Behaviors That Lead to Treatment Responses

### Examples of Behaviors

- Admitted use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Admitted struggling/dealing with issues
- Failing to meeting treatment plan goals
- Known use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Positive drug test

### Examples of Treatment Responses

- Educational workbooks
- Essay on topic related to infraction
- Increased sober-support meetings
- Increased contact with treatment
- Increased level of treatment
- Increased drug testing
- Phase extension
- Residential treatment
- Secure residential treatment

### Termination from Veterans Court:

In ordering a participant's termination from the program, the court will consider factors such as the nature of the violation, duration in the program, previous violations, criminal history, participants' desire to achieve sobriety as evidenced from their actions, and others. The following actions will result in immediate termination: distribution of drugs, violent crime, or assaultive, threatening, or abusive behavior toward any member of the VTC staff, other participants of the program, or other clients of the treatment providers. Dismissal from the program will result in your case proceeding to sentencing on the basis of your plea. Depending on the nature of the termination, you may be sentenced to a term in the Department of Corrections or be continued on supervised probation.

### Graduation:

Approval for graduation from the program shall be determined by the VTC judge with input from the VTC team. Simply completing each phase of the VTC program does not guarantee graduation. You need to have demonstrated that you have learned from the structure and support you have received before the VTC team will agree to allow you to graduate. Your family will be invited to join you in court as the judge congratulates you on successfully completing VTC and achieving your goal to establish a stable life. Before graduating from VTC, you must secure an appointment with the Court Services Officer for an exit interview. If you entered VTC under a pre-trial intervention program/prosecution diversion basis, upon graduation your case will be dismissed by the Prosecutor's Office. If you were sentenced as a condition of probation to this program you will have met that requirement of your sentence and could potentially have your probation terminated early. In some cases, successful completion of the VTC program may result, at the discretion of the VTC team, in an SIS (suspended imposition of sentence) and reduction of fines.

### Conclusion:

Thank you for your participation in the Jasper County Veterans Court. The judge and entire team are here to guide and assist you but ultimately, the final responsibility is yours. We hope you take full advantage of the opportunity that you've been given to change your life for the better.

**VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**  
**TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**Veterans Court Contract**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to enter the Jasper County Adult Veterans Court Program, and by doing so, I understand I will have certain obligations and responsibilities. I will have to follow orders given to me by the Judge, Probation Officer, Treatment Court Therapist, Treatment Court Administrator and other treatment providers involved in the program.

**Participant Responsibilities**

**I agree that my responsibilities are:**

1. I must tell the truth.
2. I have read, or has been read to me, the Veterans Court Participant's Manual. I understand that I am subject to all provisions of the manual. I understand that the requirements of the program can and will change from time to time. I agree I will comply with any changes.
3. I will attend all court sessions as ordered. Failure to do so may result in a warrant for my arrest.
4. I must attend all ordered treatment sessions and follow the treatment plan as directed.
5. I will report to the Probation Officer as directed.
6. I understand that participation in the Veterans Court requires me to be drug and alcohol free at all times. I will not consume, use, purchase, possess, or manufacture any illegal or non-prescription drugs, inhalants, or alcohol. I will not associate with people who use or possess illegal or non-prescription drugs, nor will I be present while drugs, inhalants, or alcohol are consumed by others. This includes casinos and bars.
7. I will not purchase or possess ephedrine or pseudo-ephedrine products without a doctor's note or prior approval from my Probation Officer.
8. I will not purchase, possess, or use any bath salts, K2, Spice, synthetic cannabinoids, herbal smoking blends, "herbal incense," or any other mood-altering substance or chemical without a doctor's note or prior approval from my Probation Officer, regardless of legality.
9. I must not violate the law, and I understand that if I engage in any criminal act, I can expect to be terminated from the program and be prosecuted for the pending charge(s).
10. I must notify the Probation Officer within 24 hours of any arrest, citation, or charge including traffic offenses.
11. I must maintain my residence in Jasper County throughout the duration of the program. I agree to not leave the Jasper/Newton county area without specific approval of my Probation Officer or the Veterans Court Judge. If approved to leave the area, I understand that I may have to wear a drug patch with cost incurred to be paid by me.
12. I will not associate with anyone with a felony conviction without approval from my Probation Officer. It is my responsibility to know with whom I am associating.
13. I will not live with or engage in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with anyone participating in a Jasper County Treatment Court unless I have prior permission from the Court.
14. I must obtain and maintain verifiable full-time employment, education, or combination thereof. After 90 days in the program, if I am still unemployed or not enrolled in an approved academic program, I will perform 35 hours of community service each week until I find a job.
15. I must obtain prior approval from my Probation Officer before I quit or change my employment.
16. I must obtain prior approval from my Probation Officer before I change residence and before I change/disconnect my telephone number.
17. I will not possess a firearm or a knife exceeding six inches (6") in blade length while in the Veterans Court program. I will bring no weapons of any kind to the Veterans Court treatment center.
18. I will provide breath, urine, hair, blood, and/or saliva samples as requested for testing. Failure to submit or the submission of an adulterated specimen will result in a positive test.
19. I will submit to a polygraph or Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA) when requested.

20. I waive the right to confidentiality of my treatment records obtained in connection with the Recovery Court program and agree to communication of same to and between members of the Veterans Court Team.
21. I must inform all treating physicians that I am a recovering addict and may not take narcotic or addictive medications. If a treating physician wishes to treat me with narcotic or addictive medications or drugs, I must disclose this to my treatment provider within 24 hours unless it is an emergency situation. I must notify and provide documentation to my treatment provider of all prescriptions medications that I am taking and any changes to those prescriptions.
22. I agree to pay the Veterans Court fee at the rate of \$50.00 each month that I am in the program unless directed otherwise.
23. I understand that participation in the Veterans Court program involves a minimum commitment of eighteen months. It may last longer if I violate this contract or fail to progress in the program.
24. If restitution is owed, I must pay this amount in full as ordered by the Court.
25. I will submit to a search of my person, residence, vehicles, papers, cell phone, computer, and/or effects at any time with or without warrant, and with or without probable cause, when requested by my Probation Officer, Veterans Court Team and/or law enforcement.
26. Failure to follow the responsibilities listed in this contract and in the Veterans Court Participant's Manual may result in sanctions. I have reviewed the Sanctions section of the manual and agree that any of the listed sanctions may be imposed if I violate this contract or fail to progress in the program

### **Participant Rights and Benefits**

**I understand that:**

1. The prosecution of the criminal charge(s) against me will be stayed during the time I am in the Veterans Court program.
2. The criminal charge(s) against me can be dismissed if I successfully complete the program.
3. The waiver of confidentiality of my treatment records is limited to the length of this contract.
4. I may rescind my waiver of confidentiality at any time and that if I do so before successful completion of this contract, I will be terminated from Veterans Court.
5. I can quit the program at any time, but I understand that if I do so, I can be sentenced to the full range of punishment for the crime, including a term in the Department of Corrections.
6. If I quit the program, or am terminated, anything I have said concerning my drug usage while in the program cannot be used against me in Court.
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I have read the above contract and I understand what I have read. I am willing and voluntarily entering into this agreement with the Jasper County Adult Veterans Court Program.

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Participant Signature

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Date

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Veterans Court Judge

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Date