

WHARTON COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD  
LOCAL RULES

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Items submitted for the Bail Bond Board Agenda will be submitted to the County Judge's Office no later than the close of business on the Friday of the week before the regular Thursday Bail Bond Board Meeting to give the staff the time to prepare the agenda and timely submit it to the Bail Bond Board Counsel for approval before posting. Emergency items may be considered on an individual basis so long as they are in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. (Amended February 23, 2004)

2. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES

All new applications for bail bond licenses will be submitted to the Bail Bond Board no less than thirty calendar days before the date of the regular Board Meeting at which the application is to be considered. Applications submitted less than thirty calendar days before the date of the Board Meeting will not be placed on the agenda but will be held until the next regular meeting. (Adopted September 15, 2003)

3. COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be sworn to and in writing. Complaints shall be received by the County Judge's Office. Copies of the complaint shall be forwarded to all Board members for their review. The decision to place a complaint on the agenda shall be any member of the Board. (Adopted September 15, 2003)

4. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

Licensee must have a completed monthly activity report submitted to the County Judge's Office, no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month. (Adopted September 15, 2003)

5. SOLICITATION

There shall be no bond writing or solicitation in the Sheriff's Department, jail, or on county property.

6. SURETIES

Bail Bondsman may increase their surety at a minimum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10, 000) (Adopted October 28, 2004)

7. PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Licensed Bonding agencies must have an office with a physical address in Wharton County, Texas. (Adopted October 28, 2004)

8. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Bail Bondsman must have name and address of Bail Bond Company and must personally sign all bonds. (Adopted June 16, 2005)

9. ABSENCE OF BONDSMAN

Upon the absence of Bondsman, letter should be submitted to Board allowing staff to sign monthly report. Bondsman Staff are allowed to sign report in absence of Bondsman. (Adopted November 10, 2005)