

**HALL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
WORK RELEASE AND HOUSE ARREST PROGRAM POLICY NOTICE**

The Hall County Department of Corrections provides qualified sentenced inmates the opportunity to participate in Work Release or House Arrest programs, which are designed to allow continued employment while serving a custodial sentence. Participation in either program is a privilege and not a right.

I. PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

Work Release:

Work Release is defined as a custodial program in which an inmate remains housed at the correctional facility but is granted authorization to leave for approved employment and to return upon completion of assigned work hours.

House Arrest:

House Arrest is defined as a program in which an inmate resides at an approved private residence under electronic (GPS) monitoring. Movement is strictly limited to employment and other activities expressly authorized by the Hall County Department of Corrections and/or the Court.

II. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for participation:

1. Must be a sentenced inmate of Hall County with a minimum of five (5) days remaining to serve
2. Must have verified, pre-existing employment at the time of application
 - Employment through temporary agencies is not acceptable
 - Employment must be located within Hall County
 - Employment in establishments where the primary source of income is alcohol sales or gambling (including, but not limited to, bars, casinos, and liquor stores) is prohibited
3. Must remain within Hall County at all times while participating in the program
4. Must have no outstanding warrants, detainers, holds, or unpaid bonds in any jurisdiction
5. Must submit to and successfully pass drug and alcohol screening procedures
6. Must demonstrate reliable transportation directly to and from the place of employment
7. **Must not be** currently convicted of, nor have a current offense involving:
 - Domestic violence
 - Violation of a protection order
 - Stalking
 - Child abuse

- Sexual offenses
- Offenses involving serious bodily injury or death
- Escape or felony flight to avoid arrest
- Transporting a child while intoxicated (may be considered for Work Release only)
- Crimes of violence (non-domestic misdemeanor assault offenses may be considered on a case-by-case basis)

8. Must not:

- Be subject to an active protection order
- Have a prior felony assault conviction
- Be a registered sex offender

9. Prior performance on probation or community supervision will be taken into consideration

III. ADDITIONAL HOUSE ARREST REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general eligibility criteria, applicants for House Arrest must:

1. Maintain a suitable and approved residence within Hall County
2. Not have a current conviction involving a weapon-related offense or any crime of violence

IV. FEES AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

House Arrest Program:

- Daily fee: \$20.00
- One-time enrollment fee: \$40.00
- Sentences exceeding two (2) weeks:
 - Minimum payment of \$320.00 due at enrollment
 - Ongoing payments of \$140.00 per week or \$280.00 every two (2) weeks, based on pay schedule
- Sentences of less than two (2) weeks:
 - Full balance due at the time of enrollment

Work Release Program:

- Daily fee: \$15.00
- Sentences exceeding two (2) weeks:
 - Minimum payment of \$210.00 due at enrollment

- Ongoing payments of \$105.00 per week or \$210.00 every two (2) weeks, based on pay schedule
- A 15.00 fee for drug testing is charged at enrollment.
- Fee is assessed daily regardless of work attendance
- Payments are required on a weekly basis

V. PROGRAM CONDITIONS

1. Participants may work a maximum of six (6) days per week
2. Work hours shall not exceed twelve (12) hours per day or sixty (60) hours per week
3. Participants in the House Arrest program are not eligible for “Good Time” sentence reductions

VI. APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

1. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into either program
2. The applicant’s employer will be contacted for verification purposes
 - Additional documentation may be required, including but not limited to pay stubs and proof of workers’ compensation insurance
3. Applications are generally processed within five (5) to seven (7) business days
4. Applicants who are denied participation will receive written notification stating the reason(s) for denial

VII. NOTICE

Please Note: The Hall County Department of Corrections reserves the right to implement additional eligibility requirements at its discretion.