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Official Offices in Rockvale: Immigration, Court and Passports 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

This guide leaves out certain addresses **on purpose**, and we say why plainly: in this series **no street address is published for any immigration agency, immigration enforcement unit, customs agency or Social Security Administration office**, and this cycle the reason is concrete as well: the customs agency's site would not open even with a full browser header set. **The only correct sentence is this: the address you go to is the address on your appointment notice.** There is also a search rule in this settlement, and it is the most useful instruction in this guide: **search by your ZIP code, not by the settlement's name**, because **Rockvale is not an incorporated city** and may have no entry in agencies' city lists. On the court side the answer is clear: **there is no immigration court here, the only immigration court in the state is in Memphis**, and its address is **Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Avenue, Suite 501, Memphis, TN 38103**. **We do not write any distance or drive time.**

Why there are no addresses, and what you get instead

Not publishing an address and there being no office are not the same thing. The address is **on your appointment notice** and in the agencies' own office locators. The table below shows which task runs through which door.

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
Green card and naturalization interviews	Field office list . No walk-ins
Fingerprint and photo appointment	Application support center list . You do not choose the center , it is on your I-797C notice
Asylum interview	The agency's own office list. We could not confirm that there is a separate asylum office in this state. Form I-589 is not filed in person at an asylum office
Case status and appointment requests	The agency's office locator and the case status page ; Contact Center 1-800-375-5283, appointments are free
Processing times	The processing times page ; choose the form, the category and the office holding your case
Periodic check-in obligation	The agency's own check-in page . If you hold an appointment notice, the address on that notice controls

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
Locating someone in detention	The agency's search page . We could not confirm how these agencies are organized in this state from a first-hand source and we do not write a field office name
Your I-94 record	The customs agency's lookup page
Correcting an admission error	The agency's own list page . The location and hours of the office covering this area could not be confirmed , so we do not write them
Social Security matters	The agency's office locator , by ZIP code. General line 1-800-772-1213

THE CONCRETE REASON TO SEARCH BY ZIP CODE HERE

- In most settlements in this series the ZIP code tip is a general habit. **Here it is a requirement, because what you are searching for is not a city.** Rockvale is unincorporated, and the name you type into an agency's **city** field may have no match; **a reader searching by the settlement's name may get no results at all** or be sent to the wrong place.
- **A ZIP code removes the problem:** type **37153** into the search box. If an agency asks for a county, type **Rutherford County**, not the settlement name.
- **When you give your address by phone or at a counter, say your county too.** Several agency records measured in this series list settlements under the name of the county seat.
- **And a name trap:** the only Rockvale entry in the federal .gov domain registry belongs to **another state**, a completely different town in Colorado. **An official-looking site that comes up in a search may not be your place;** check the state name on the record you get.

Without a car, set the appointment up three days ahead

This is a detail specific to this settlement and it can cost you. There is no fixed-route city bus here; there is a **dial-a-ride service** run by a regional agency, and it requires **twenty-four hours** notice for a trip inside the county and **seventy-two hours** for a trip leaving the county. **The first thing to do when an appointment notice arrives is to check whether the appointment is outside the county and call the same day. We do not write any distance or drive time.**

DO NOT CONFUSE THREE AGENCIES, AND HERE THE DISTINCTION COVERS A FOURTH

- The immigration agency and the enforcement unit are part of the **department of homeland security**, while immigration courts are a separate agency under the **department of justice**. The agency will not answer what you asked the court, and the court will not answer what you asked the agency.
- **There is a fourth agency and it is not federal:** a **centralized immigration enforcement unit** created in 2025 within the state's own department of safety. It is a state unit coordinating cooperation between the state, local governments and federal authorities.
- **It meets a reader in three places:** in a public benefit application, in contact with the county jail and law enforcement, and through grants distributed to local law enforcement. **The second item matters particularly here**, because **with no city police department the only law enforcement contact is the county sheriff**.
- **And one verified detail:** this unit's reporting form is **closed to the public** and, in the words of its own page, not downloadable by the public; only authorized agencies may request access. **So it is a form agencies fill out**. We write this because the opposite reading circulates online.
- **What an application support center does not do:** it does not give information about your case. Ask case questions of the Contact Center.

The local cooperation list: this county is on it, and here is what that does not mean

The state's own immigration enforcement unit lists, one by one, the counties participating in the federal cooperation program. **As read on October 12, 2026, the list contains 93 of the 95 counties and this county is on it. The list is undated**, so that line should not be quoted without the reading date. **And three things cannot be left unsaid in the same breath.**

- 1 This is not a matter of protection, it is a matter of delegated authority.** These programs concern a local sheriff being vested with federal authority; **federal immigration enforcement applies everywhere in the state, in a county on the list and in a county that is not**. Indeed one of the federal lawsuits filed in this state concerns traffic stops carried out by the state highway patrol. **A county's absence from the list does not mean there is no enforcement there, and its presence does not mean a separate legal regime has been created.**
- 2 Today's picture is not permanent.** A law enacted in 2026 requires **every county sheriff to enter a cooperation program by January 1, 2027** and allows state money to be withheld from those who do not. **Put that date on your calendar:** the substantive part of the document regime for vehicle registration takes effect the same day.
- 3 The deciding authority is not a city, and there is no city here to begin with.** The text of the law expressly states that the agreement **is not subject to the approval of the local government the sheriff serves**. In other settlements a reader tries to take this question to the city council; **here there is no city council to take it to. The contact is the sheriff directly.**

Which county holds which model of agreement, and how this county's sheriff applies it today, was not verified this cycle; we do not say there is none and we do not say it works a particular way. A page

describing the sheriff's patrol arrangements in this settlement was also **not found by research**. This guide attaches **no label to this settlement in either direction**.

THE TEXT SITS IN THE BOOKS BUT IS NOT APPLIED: A CONTRADICTION WE PRINT

- A law enacted in the 2025 Extraordinary Session provided a **felony** and **removal from office** for members of a local governing body who vote for a policy limiting federal immigration enforcement. Seven members of another city's local council sued on **June 24, 2025**; the case is *Capp v. Funk*, Davidson County Chancery Court.
- **Outcome:** in February 2026 an agreed order was reported between the state and the plaintiffs, with the state abandoning the defense of those provisions. **So the text sits in the books but these provisions are not applied in practice.**
- **We print a contradiction and do not pick a side:** some news sources frame the outcome as **held unconstitutional**, while the plaintiffs' own page calls it a **settlement**. **The docket number and the text of the order could not be found this cycle**, so we write the case name and not the number. **We do not say there is none, we say we could not verify it.**
- **And do not widen the scope.** The complaint covered only two provisions relating to **local government officials**; parallel provisions of the same law relating to state officials were not the subject of the complaint, and whether the settlement covers them is **not known**. **A general sentence like the felony was struck down would be wrong. This provision is not a reader's provision anyway**, and here there is **no local governing body** either.
- **One more item sits in the books but is not in effect:** a section of a 2026 law makes reentering the state after removal a crime, **but that section is conditional and is not in effect today**; it requires a supreme court decision or a change in federal law, plus thirty days from the attorney general's written notice. **Do not panic if you find the text online; but do not assume it will never take effect either.**
- **There is also an automatic sunset:** the effective date section of the law from the 2025 Extraordinary Session provides for an automatic sunset on **January 20, 2029** for four provisions including the centralized immigration enforcement unit, with **February 1, 2029** for the provision on court cooperation. **Do not read that as relief:** the General Assembly can renew it and most of the other laws are outside its reach.

The immigration court: not in this settlement

ITEM	INFORMATION
One question first	Ask your lawyer about remote participation early. For any reader who does not live in the city holding the state's only court, that is the first question worth asking. But remote participation is a possibility and the judge decides ; this guide does not promise it, and a request made late can go unconsidered
A court in this settlement	None. No entry under this settlement, this county or this area was found in the federal agency's own operational status list
The only court in the state	Memphis Immigration Court, Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Avenue, Suite 501, Memphis, TN 38103 . It shows as open on the federal list
State count	The same list shows one court in the state count

ITEM	INFORMATION
The same court's second hearing location	Outside the state , carried as a separate row on the federal list. Check which row your notice points to
Name-trap sweep	Clean on the court side: no immigration court located in another state carrying this area's name was found . Even so, as a habit, write the state code next to any federal facility name you note down
Distance and time	We do not write them. Plan travel, lodging and time off in advance; without a car a trip out of the county needs seventy-two hours notice

Why we write the court's address and not the others: in this series the addresses of administrative agencies are not published, **those of courts are**. They are not the same rule.

THE FEDERAL REGULATION'S ZONE: NO POINT IN THIS STATE IS INSIDE IT

- **The regulation's test is geographic:** the external boundary means the **land borders and territorial waters of the United States**, and a reasonable distance is defined as **100 air miles** from that external boundary. **That number is a parameter of the regulation itself, not a distance between the settlements in this guide.**
- **This state has neither an international land border nor a coastline.** So no point in it is inside that zone, and neither is this settlement. **Bordering a neighboring state is not what this rule is about.**
- **First caution:** a subsection of the same provision says that in unusual circumstances a distance **greater than 100 miles** may also be reasonable, so it is not an absolute ceiling.
- **Second and more important caution: this zone concerns only a particular search and stop authority.** Other immigration enforcement powers apply nationwide. **Do not conclude from being outside the zone that there is no immigration enforcement here.**

If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Faxes and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** Unless staff or the judge specifically asks for them, documents sent that way **are not entered into the record** and, in the agency's own words, are **discarded without review and without notice to the sender**.
- **Security screening at every visit:** metal detector and bag search; you may be asked to remove your shoes; no food or drink without the judge's permission; **cameras and recording devices are prohibited**.
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the agency's own words, no advance notice is needed for your visit.
- **Anyone representing you must be registered in the agency's registry system.**
- **Language:** no Turkish material was found at any agency in this area this cycle, and **we could not measure the state's court interpreter program** either, because the state judiciary's site sat behind a verification wall. **We do not say there is none, we say we could not read it.** Raise any interpreter need through your lawyer and well before the hearing.
- **Arrange transportation days ahead. Research found no intercity passenger rail station** in this settlement or its county, and the regional commuter line does not serve this county. On the county's dial-a-ride

service, trips out of the county need **seventy-two hours** notice, **each county line crossed is added to the fare**, and **personal checks are not accepted**.

- **Account for the weather.** The transportation department's January 2026 statement described the ice as **statewide**, and the same statement says **interstates are cleared first and rural roads last**; if your hearing falls in winter, consider traveling a day early.
- **Case status:** your A number is enough for the [case information system](#), and the phone line is 1-800-898-7180. **The official information is still the hearing notice.**
- **Check for closures the morning of your hearing:** the [operational status page](#). **Learning about a closure halfway there costs the whole day.**
- **Report a change of address to the court separately**, within 5 days, on Form EOIR-33. The court address changes only with that form.

I-94 and admission errors

- You can download the I-94 for your most recent entry from [the customs agency's site](#). Errors made at entry, meaning the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of stay, are corrected by offices called deferred inspection sites.
- **We could not confirm the location and hours of the office covering this area this cycle**, so we write no address and no days; read the list from the agency's own page.
- **Write first, then travel.** Some of these offices are open only a few hours a week, and they correct **only errors made at the moment of entry**.
- **Why it matters:** in this state the license regime is tied directly to it; **the length of your lawful stay sets the validity period of your card**.

Passport acceptance facilities: search by ZIP code

A first U.S. passport is obtained in person on Form DS-11. **The acceptance facilities in this settlement and this county were not counted this cycle**, so we write **no count, no name and no address**.

RULE	REASON
Run the search on your ZIP code	The rule bites harder here: Rockvale is not an incorporated city, so a federal search box may have no city match and a reader searching by the settlement name may get no results at all. Searching by county name also works
There are other municipalities in the county	An acceptance facility may serve your ZIP code and still be listed under another settlement's name ; someone searching by settlement name can miss a facility nearby
The postal name and the actual location can diverge	In this series an acceptance facility sat inside one settlement while the federal file listed it under another place's postal name
An acceptance facility and an agency are two different things	An acceptance facility can be a post office, a county clerk's office, a library or a university counter; a passport agency is a separate network that works by appointment for urgent travel. The nearest agency to this state could not be confirmed and we write no agency name, city or distance

RULE	REASON
Get the hours from the agency	The federal file gives hours as a code and can understate the facility's own rule; some facilities run certain days by appointment only , and some require a separate appointment for each applicant
The payment trap costs real money	A county counter read in this series stated that the federal passport fee cannot be paid by debit or credit card , only by check or money order, while accepting other forms for its own execution fee. You make two separate payments at the same counter. The payment method for this county was not measured and we write no rule; call and ask
Language	No Turkish material was found at any agency in this area this cycle ; the institutional second language is Spanish without exception, with Arabic also used by the school district. We do not say there is none, we say research could not find any

We do not write fee figures, because both the federal fee and local execution fees change. **When you go to apply:** Form DS-11 is completed but **not signed**, the signature is made in front of the official; the **original** of your citizenship document is taken and surrendered during the transaction; the original and a **photocopy** of your photo ID are required; for a child's application both parents must attend or the agency's required consent document is needed. Pick a facility from [the agency's acceptance facility locator](#). **On the birth certificate side this settlement has an advantage:** the record can be obtained from **any of the ninety-five county health departments**, so your own county's health department is enough.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND JURY DUTY: ONE IS CLEAR, THE OTHER IS OPEN-ENDED

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have serious consequences for your immigration case and is also a crime.
- **The face of your card says something on this:** a credential issued to someone whose lawful presence is authorized for a specified period is **limited-term**, and the statute expressly provides that it **cannot be accepted as valid identification for rights and benefits reserved to U.S. citizens, including voting**.
- **Read the box on the forms.** If a driver license, ID card or public service application has a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen**. **How a license application is tied to voter registration in this state could not be verified this cycle.**
- **And the warning carries extra weight in this state:** in public benefit applications agencies are required to place **an attestation of citizenship or lawful presence signed under penalty of perjury** on the forms. **The attestation put in front of you is not always a voter form; read which one you are signing.**
- **One legislative change is on the record:** a law enacted in 2026 lets the state election coordinator's portal reach a federal eligibility verification system. **Research did not measure how that works in an individual case and we write no conclusion.**
- **There is a local detail here:** because there is no city government there is **no city election either**; your ballot will carry county, state and federal races. If you have recently naturalized, your registration door is the **county election commission**, and you can get its contact details from the state election agency's own page.
- **On juries we say what we do not know:** we could not verify which public records this state builds its jury master list from, and **we make no claim**. If a summons arrives, do not ignore it; call **the jury office of the court named on the letter** and report that you do not meet the qualifications, using **the number on your letter** rather than a general number.
- **And the court doors here differ from other settlements:** there is **no city court**, so a traffic citation does not fall to a city court; **which court it does fall to could not be measured this cycle** and we write no court name. A jury summons is a matter for **a state or federal court**, and an immigration court is none of these and **does not send jury summonses**. **Always look at the court name on the letter**, and if you have an open immigration case, **tell your lawyer about even the smallest court matter**.
- **Do not fill out voter registration forms** handed to you by volunteers door to door or at events.



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