

Jun Mai Imperial Edict of Governance

Law of Oaths and Contracts

All verbal or written contracts are binding, with special recognition given to those witnessed by a cultivator of Iron rank or higher.

Law of Servitude

Indentured servitude is legal and regulated. Servants must be fed, sheltered, and released upon fulfillment of their term.

A sealed Contract is to be kept at the primary holding site of the servant. The total due must be reassessed no less than annually.

Law of Tiers

Mortal and noble mortal subjects must obey all imperial decrees.

Low ranked cultivators are granted rights of self-defense and pursuit of cultivation within reason.

Middle tiered cultivators have significant autonomy; law is rarely enforced except in cases of treason or high crimes.

Saint and Sovereign cultivators are effectively above the law. They must report directly to the Jade Emperor for Capital crimes.

Law of Foreign Immunity

Envoys and guests from recognized foreign lands have immunity from local law, barring acts of treason or murder.

Law of Property and Theft

Theft, fraud, and destruction of property are capital offenses where committed by low-ranked cultivators and common mortals.

Mid rank and higher cultivators may claim property in pursuit of cultivation with minimal repercussions.

Law of Violence

Mortal violence against cultivators is punishable by death.

Cultivator violence against mortals is subject to censure only if it threatens imperial order.

Law of Dispute and Challenge

Mortal disputes are settled by imperial magistrates.

Cultivators may resolve disputes through challenge or mediation by recognized elders or sect leaders.

Law of Speech

Slander of the imperial family is punishable by imprisonment.

Cultivators above Iron rank have the right of counsel and to petition for pardon.

Law of Taxes and Tribute

Mortals and noble mortals must pay taxes in coin or goods.

Cultivators pay tribute in service or materials as agreed with the Empire.

Law of Cultivation Grounds

Imperial lands are reserved for cultivation by decree; disputes over cultivation grounds are resolved by imperial adjudicators.