

Municipal Court

Agency Number: **39**
Budget Function: **General Government**

The mission of the Municipal Court is to provide an independent and neutral forum for resolution of alleged ordinance violations where the penalty includes a forfeiture.

<u>Major Service</u>	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Projected</u>	<u>2005 Request</u>	<u>2005 Executive</u>	<u>2005 Adopted</u>
Court Services	(38,997)	31,050	31,050	30,740	98,740	107,840
Agency Total	\$ (38,997)	\$ 31,050	\$ 31,050	\$ 30,740	\$ 98,740	\$ 107,840

Adopted Budget Highlights

The Budget includes:

1. Additional funding for the provision of collection expenses incurred by the Municipal Court. In 2004, the City implemented a new policy of charging all Court-related collection fees to the Municipal Court, and collecting the gross amount of related revenues in the General Fund Fines and Forfeitures budget. This new policy allows for better monitoring of both collection fee expenses and fine and forfeiture revenues, and represents an improvement over the old practice of netting collection fees against related revenues. (This change is budget-neutral, and is offset by increased General Fund revenues.)
2. Note: As in previous years, the Municipal Court is authorized to charge the General Fund a \$5.00 per case filed processing fee, if necessary to meet the 2005 Operating Budget.

The agency submitted \$75,000 in supplemental requests, of which \$68,000 is included in the Adopted Budget.

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Budget Service Descriptions:

Court Services

This court handles approximately 38,000 cases per year including traffic, parking, first offense drunk driving, disorderly conduct, trespass, building code violations, juvenile violations, and truancy. The Judge also holds hearings in the Public Safety Building for those persons held in jail and issues warrants for arrest and inspection warrants. If a forfeiture is not paid, the court can suspend a driver's license, hunting or fishing license, issue a warrant for arrest, or start a collection action. Room 201 of the City-County Building is used Tuesday through Friday as the courtroom. Adjacent offices are in room 203 of the City-County Building.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Adopted
Total Expenditures	\$ 406,538	\$ 474,365	\$ 553,375
Less Inter-Agency Billings	445,535	443,315	445,535
Net Total	\$ (38,997)	\$ 31,050	\$ 107,840

Municipal Court Summary by Major Object of Expenditure

	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2004 Projected	2005 Request	2005 Executive	2005 Adopted
Permanent Salaries	\$ 234,095	\$ 278,553	\$ 278,553	\$ 284,497	\$ 284,497	\$ 287,568
Hourly Employee Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overtime Pay	13,379	13,635	13,635	13,700	13,700	13,848
Fringe Benefits	88,884	98,765	98,765	100,834	100,834	106,715
Purchased Services	51,635	57,882	57,882	59,134	127,134	127,134
Supplies	15,622	24,930	24,930	17,183	17,183	17,183
Inter-Departmental Charges	483	600	600	927	927	927
Debt/Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assets	2,440	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$ 406,538	\$ 474,365	\$ 474,365	\$ 476,275	\$ 544,275	\$ 553,375
Inter-Agency Billings	445,535	443,315	443,315	445,535	445,535	445,535
Net Budget	\$ (38,997)	\$ 31,050	\$ 31,050	\$ 30,740	\$ 98,740	\$ 107,840