

# City of El Paso Municipal Court

**Scofflaw Interlocal Agreement Renewal** 

Strategic Goal 2 – Set the standard for a safe and secure city

#### **Interlocal Agreement Renewal**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of El Paso and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) described as the Scofflaw Services Contract to allow the Municipal Court to transmit vehicle information regarding outstanding arrest warrants to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for statewide flagging and holds.

Cost: Avg \$500/month (\$23 per submission + \$0.12 per record)



#### **Texas Administrative Code**

TITLE 43 PART 10 CHAPTER 217 SUBCHAPTER B
RULE §217.36 Refusal to Register by Local Government and Record
Notation

A municipality may enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) under Government Code, Chapter 791 to indicate in the state's motor vehicle records that the owner is a person with a warrant of arrest for failure to appear or pay a fine on a traffic law violation.



#### **Scofflaw Program Contract Renewal**

- Municipal Court has been utilizing the program since 2004
- Contract last renewed May 2019
- Contract renews every 5 years
- No changes to the current contract



#### **Program Highlights & Process**

- Tool to assist courts with enforcement, case resolutions, and closure of cases
- Opportunity to assist individuals to resolve pending cases and remove warrants
- A "flag" is placed on ability to register a vehicle with County of El Paso Tax Assessor once warrant is activated and until case resolution
- Prior to the "flags", the court attempts to communicate at least 3 times and available at any given time to provide options at every stage of the process

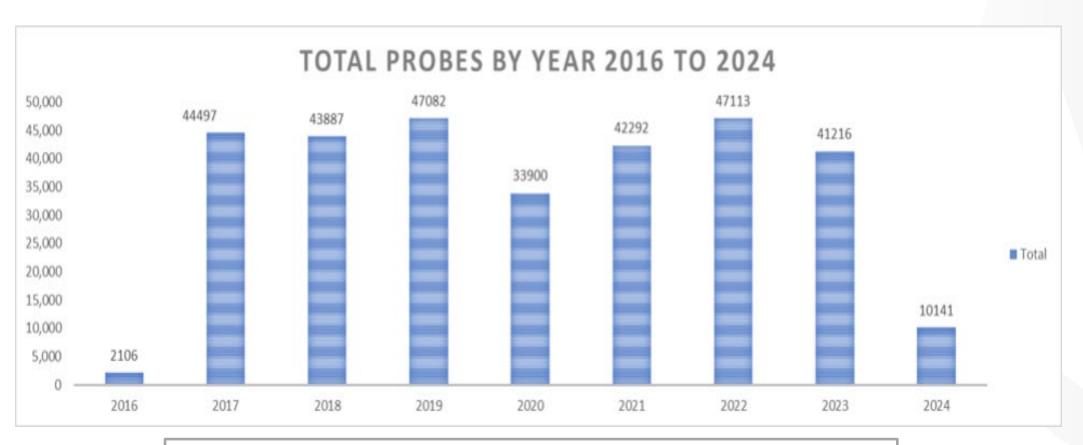


#### **Program Highlights & Process**

- Individual must "pay in full" to release the hold
- If individual is unable to pay, they may request an indigency hearing
- Once the hold is in place, no additional State fees are added to the case
- Warrant will be recalled immediately



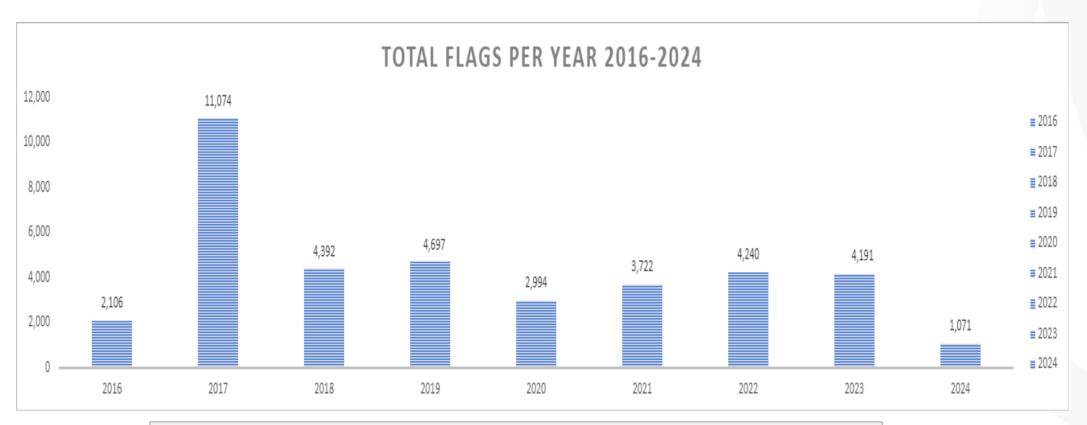
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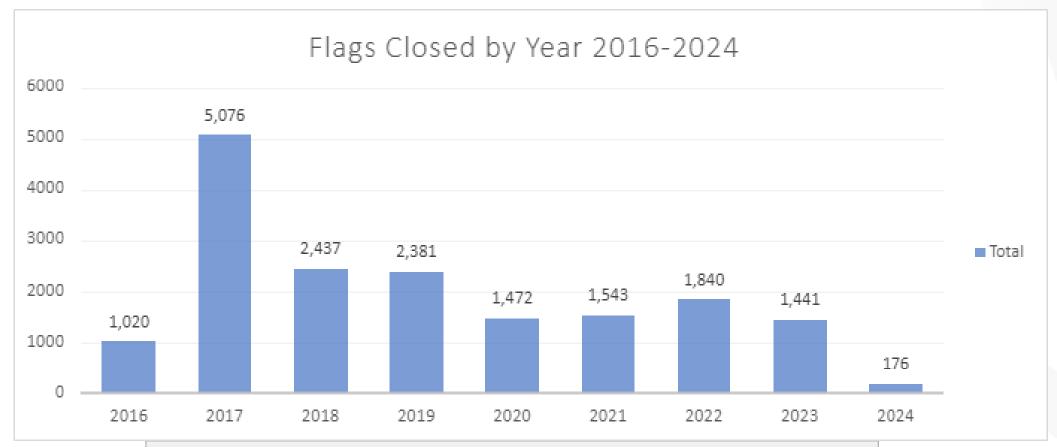
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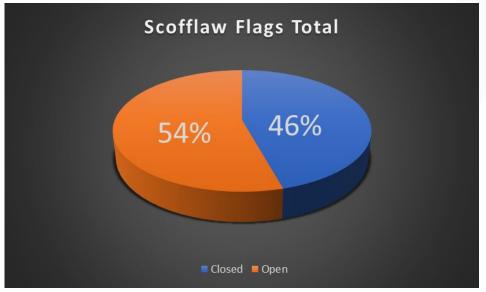


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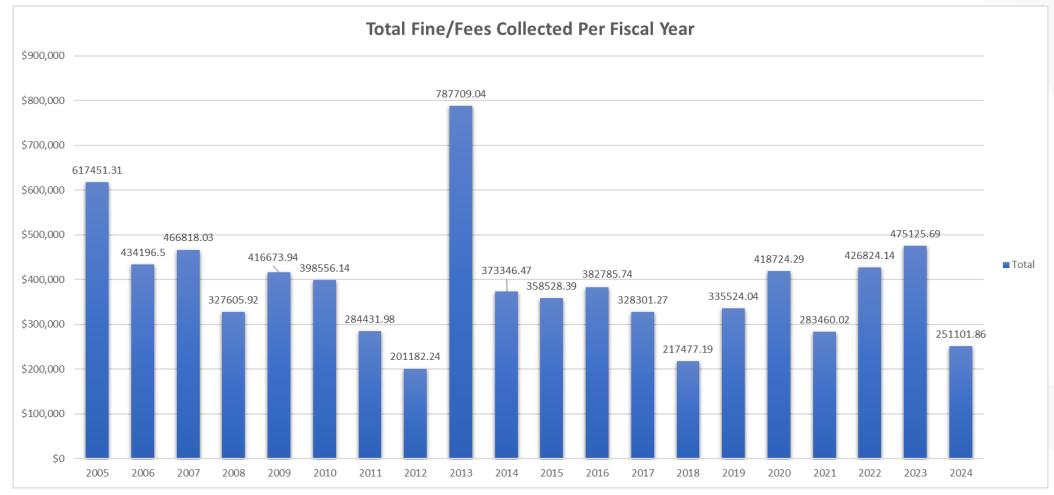


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**Average Number of Cases Per Individual: 1.84** 



### **Program Historical Data:** Fines & Fees



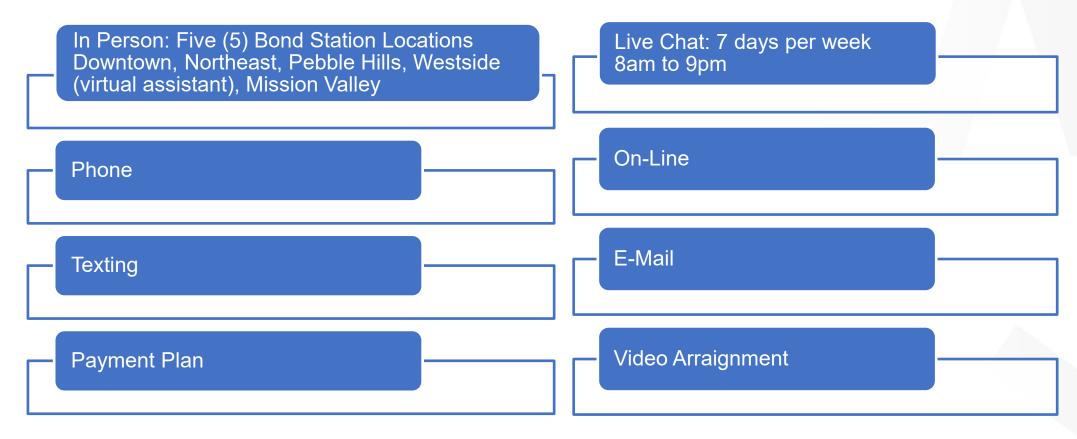


**2005 – Present:** \$7,785,824.20

## **Customer Service Options Printed on the Citation / Website**

- > Request an indigency hearing at any time
- > 180-day payment plan at any time
- ➤ Driving safety course, if individual qualifies at any time
- ➤ Pay the citation in full at any time
- > Submit proof on paper violations *prior* to the arraignment
- Waive arraignment prior to the arraignment date and request a trial date

# **Municipal Court Customer Service Contact Options**



Option: 180 Day Payment Plan is available at any time from the date of citation(s)



#### MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

#### VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People