


Municipal Court
 Municipal Code Chapter 2.44 Revisions
 Creation of a Temporary Court
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Strategic Goal 2



Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

- 2.6 Enforce Court orders
- 2.7 Maximize Municipal Court efficiency and enhance customer experience

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Overview of revisions for Municipal Code Chapter 2.44 - Courts

- The last update was approved in 2017 regarding Associate Judges terms of office. Other sections have not been updated since 2001 – 2002
- **Creation of a Temporary Court for a 12 month period**
 Presiding Judge to assign an Associate Judge for the day and night magistrate positions, Northeast arraignment court and [Temporary Court as needed](#)
- **Language clean up**

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Chapter 2.44.010 - Created

- Sub court creation - change the reporting from "court 5" to "Presiding Judge's Court"

Chapter 2.44030 – Judges


- Presiding Judge to assign an Associate Judge to serve as day & night magistrate, Northeast arraignment court and at a Temporary Court

Chapter 2.44.040 – Practice and procedure

- In addition to issuing a citation, a notice of violation can be issued

Chapter 2.44.060 – Summons and citations – Fee Schedule- Payments

- Update acceptance of payments by adding on-line, phone or electronic payments



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Proposed Creation of a Temporary Court

- 131,000 + cases are awaiting a trial or hearing
Pre-Covid the average number of cases awaiting a hearing was 36,200
- Justice delayed is justice denied. The Goal is to resolve cases expeditiously
- The Temporary Court will be scheduled 4 sessions daily - **which is equivalent to 2 Regular Courts.**
***** The Temp Court is an addition to the current 5 Courts and Day Judge's Court.**
- Presiding Judge will assign Associate Judges for a 12 month period to the Temporary Court **Estimated start date = August 1, 2021**




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Proposed Temporary Court Budget

- Traffic, Class C misdemeanor, Animal and Environmental cases will be adjudicated

Temporary Court	
Estimated Fine/Fee Collections	\$ 990,000.00
Court	
Salaries, benefits, security and operations	\$ 360,359.00
City Attorney	
Prosecutors	\$ 99,432.00
Police	
Overtime	\$ 400,000.00
	\$130,209

***Fine / Fee collection projection based on Pre-COVID court hearings





 **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

 **Values**
Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People