

STRATEGIC SUPPORT

Municipal Court

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Judicial authority resides in the Municipal Court of Record, which is responsible for the interpretation and adjudication of Class “C” criminal misdemeanors enacted by the Texas Legislature or the Arlington City Council. Court proceedings include required appearance dockets for each case filed against a minor, as well as hearing and adjudication of certain civil matters involving the City, such as civil parking hearings and appeals, property disposition hearings, nuisance abatement hearings and appeals, red light violation appeals, dangerous dog and animal cruelty hearings, and dangerous and substandard structure hearings.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Ensure Availability of Information, Programs, and City Services

Objective: Provide for the Efficient Access and Appropriate Management of the City’s Data

Objective: Implement New Technology and Increase Convenience for the Customer

Goal 2: Improve Operational Efficiency

Objective: Organize to Improve Operational Efficiency

Scorecard

Municipal Court Key Measures	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Target
Revenue collected	\$13,712,475	\$13,993,297	\$20,299,929	\$14,204,325
% of Gross revenue retained (less state costs)	66%	67%	67%	65%
Cases filed	140,832	125,322	125,496	125,000
% of cases completed	93%	106%	94%	95%
Warrants issued	85,011	77,405	83,911	80,000
Warrants Cleared	79,447	76,229	65,450	75,000
Civil Cases Filed	New Measure in FY 2014		2,502	2,500
Civil Cases Closed	New Measure in FY 2014		656	950
Docketed Cases	New Measure in FY 2015			57,000
Failure to Appears	New Measure in FY 2015			13,000
Cases Settled	New Measure in FY 2015			44,000

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Summary of Resources

Authorized Positions and Expenditures by Category				
	Actual FY 2013	Budgeted FY 2014	Estimated FY 2014	Adopted FY 2015
Authorized Positions	42	41	41	42
Personnel Services	\$ 2,293,754	\$ 2,412,630	\$ 2,313,583	\$ 2,404,651
Operating Expenses	579,381	609,408	623,072	668,737
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 2,873,135	\$ 3,022,038	\$ 2,936,655	\$ 3,073,388

The Summary of Resources table shows a comparison of actual, estimated and adopted expenditures and full-time positions.

Budget Highlights

FY 2015 expenditures are impacted by a 2 % compensation adjustment for civilians effective in January 2015.

The following additional resources were provided to address Council priorities and other outcomes:

Description	One-Time	Recurring
Increased Credit Card Fees	\$ -	\$ 45,000
Data Entry Proofreader (\$0 impact)	-	-
Court Notify (Funded from Court Technology Fund)	35,000	-
Judges Duress and Panic Alarm System (Funded from Court Technology Fund)	40,000	-
Totals:	\$ 75,000	\$ 45,000

The following resources were eliminated from the FY 2014 budget:

Description	
Additional Salary Savings	\$ 32,203
Totals:	\$ 32,203

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Department Budget Detail

The table below shows major revenues collected as a result of department activities. This is not a complete list of revenues.

Department Revenue Highlights	
Criminal justice tax	\$ 455,044
Court fines	4,153,096
Child safety fines	45,990
Uniform traffic fines	9,062,561
Time payment fees	89,034
Issue / arrest fees	398,600
Total:	<u>\$ 14,204,325</u>