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State of the Court 2019

To Serve with Fairness, Honesty, and Integrity



Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court

GROWING THE COURT THROUGH STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT



DATA DRIVEN-DECISIONS AND MEASUREMENT

The U.S. Department of Justice has identified access-to-justice in the criminal and civil justice system as a crisis in need of repair. The predominant areas have been identified as areas for improvement:

Improving through Technology

It all begins with good process and data

NEXTREQUEST has increased the Court's ability to respond to requests for records. Last year we responded to 1,006 requests for court records without copying, printing, faxing, or retaining paper.

Electronic Record completeness is a must to move us toward a paper-on-demand court. This year we increased data reliability in sentencing information, defense attorney record, and witness documentation.

Public self-service information retrieval through **municourt.net** and **myWYCO** has allowed citizens to gain access to public information.

Process mapping of functions completed manually for years lead to a better understanding of the technology already in place and 2-hour daily saving of staff time.

Payment made easier for citizens is the focus on the **myWYCO** app project. 2019 will see the launch of the app for citizen's wishing to address Court business remotely.

- **Promoting Accessibility** — eliminating barriers that prevent people from understanding and exercising their rights.
 - **Ensuring Fairness** — delivering fair and just outcomes for all parties, including those facing financial and other disadvantages.
 - **Increasing Efficiency** — delivering fair and just outcomes effectively, without waste or duplication.
- The Municipal Court is dedicated to leading the way, using sound process and strong data to excel in each of these areas.

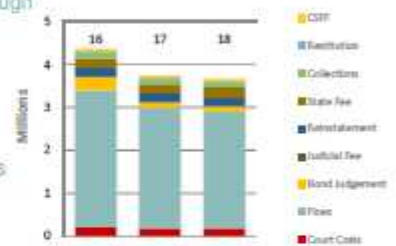
AN APPROACH FOR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Effective Protection and Ethical Treatment of the Citizen Dollar

The Municipal Court's budget remains independent of the fines/fees collected by the Court.

\$85.87 average collected per charge
17.3% of \$ collected is pass-through
15,520 caseload per Judge
9,765 caseload per Clerk
3,797 bonds posted
3,291 2018 cases assigned to Public Defenders' Office
34% of operating budget provides public defenders
25% of operating budget affords interpretation services

Fines/Fees Collected; 2016 - 2018



PROBATION & DIVERSION

ACCOUNTABILITY & CHOICE

Probation

3.7% of all cases ruled on during 2018 were sentenced to probation supervision, 78% to formal probation and 22% to informal.

41% of cases ordered to probation in 2018 now in warrant

572 average active caseload per officer



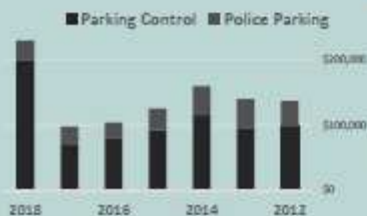
House Arrest

431 cases for **375** people were approved for house arrest as an alternative to direct incarceration. **44%** of those referrals remain open while **36%** were closed successfully.

Driving while suspended cases result in **46%** of all the house arrest referrals.

Clean-up

During the internal evaluation process in 2016, it was determined that ineffective processing of parking citations lead to low prioritization. Over several years this had resulted in a large amount of unprocessed tickets. Effective and efficient enforcement of parking tickets was identified as a 3-year Strategic Management Goal 1-11. Efforts included collections actions, registered owner notifications by the Court, administrative order to close decayed cases & individual review of more than 48,000 citations.



Compliance

	Filed	Resolved	%
2016	9,327	2,777	29.8
2017	8,406	2,462	29.3
2018	10,565	3,782	35.8

Early measurements indicate the Court is making progress towards efficient parking citation processing. More citations were disposed of during the year they were issued than in the last two years.

Cases Filed

42,713 cases were filed with the Court in 2018

Top 3 in the State, KCK Municipal accounts for 9.1% of all the municipal court cases filed in the State of Kansas topped only by Wichita with 12.8% of the State's filed cases.

1st in the State in the percent of cases filed as Crimes against people and property. This is double the percentage filed in Wichita and four times the percent filed in Overland Park.

14% less Traffic cases are filed in the KCK Municipal Court than the closest two comparative cities.

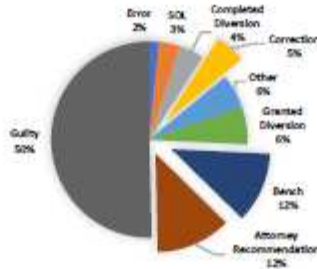
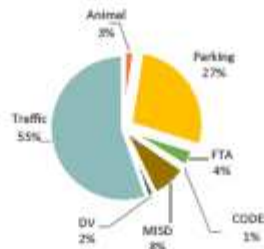
Dispositions

73,701 cases received dispositions/ruling in 2018

32,282 cases disposed were parking violations

3.5% more cases disposed than filed, excluding parking.

1st in the State, KCK Municipal Court accounts for 11.8% of all municipal case dispositions in the State of Kansas. Followed closely by Wichita Municipal who disposed 3,946 less cases. (Comparison does not include parking violations)



A Traffic and MISDEMEANOR Court

The Court files, disposes and manages a large percentile of misdemeanor cases. Unlike traffic violations, misdemeanor cases require additional resources, consideration, and supervision. These cases are important for the defendant and the citizens. Misdemeanor cases can be domestic or property related offenses, but can also be DUI and DWS.

JAIL IMPACTS : BEFORE AND AFTER

2,178 fewer bookings in 2018 as compared to 2014.

2.9 days is the average length of stay for all inmates held under Municipal Court jurisdiction.

1.7 days is the average length of stay for 4,308 bookings, booked <10 days

39 days is the average length of stay for 143 bookings, booked >10 days

7 Inmates held for >100 days

All 7 revoked probationers with multiple charges such as domestic violence, assault, theft, and DUI cases.



Restitution to Victims

Total Collected, Paid, Ordered

Year	Total Collected	Paid	Ordered
2018	\$28,794	\$10,824	\$25,481
2017	\$23,414	\$8,298	\$24,901

Traffic Diversion

Diversions are offered and granted by the Prosecutor's Office.

2,038 cases were granted diversion.

Traffic Diversions were granted on 8.6% of all traffic cases filed, excluding DUI.

Misdemeanor Diversions

Misdemeanor diversions are granted on various charges with the majority given for domestic violence & DUI cases.

243 Diversion granted on person crimes cases, including Domestic Violence.

106 Property Crimes cases were granted diversion.

124 DUI cases were granted diversion.

Change

- 4th quarter of 2018 the Court began an individual notification process for all parking citations filed 2017 & 2018. This includes research of the registered owner's information & notification by letter.
- 1st quarter of 2019 the Court began the same notification process for all citations as they are filed.

Measure

Strategic Management Plan 2016 - 2018

OUTPUT 1-11(a) Reduce open parking citations by 35%
Reduced by 41.6% = Goal Exceeded

OUTPUT 1-11(b) Increase collections rate on citations issued in 2016 from 30.3% to 35.3%
Increased to 53.4% collection = Goal Exceeded

OUTPUT 1-11(c) Increase collections rate on citations issued in 2017 from 30.3% to 40.3%
Increased to 36.5% = Goal Not Met



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