



Municipal Court 2023 Annual Report

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Presiding Judge/Court Administrator

Municipal Court Mission

The Municipal Court's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Colorado Springs by promoting public safety, traffic safety, and respect for the administration of justice by applying sanctions for violations of municipal ordinances. We are a limited jurisdiction court of record that hears and adjudicates criminal, traffic and parking violations for adult/juvenile offenders.

Municipal Court Statistics

Judicial Officers and Staff

1 Presiding Judge/Court Administrator
9 Judges (all part-time—3.66 Total FTE)
1 Per Diem Judge (as needed)
4 Court Referees (all part-time—.875 Total FTE)
37.5 FTE Positions

2023 Budget and Collections

Budget Allocation: \$5,426,906
Expenses: \$4,784,845
Collections: \$7,299,025

Courthouse Traffic

54,245 Individuals entered the building in 2023
1,521 Prohibited items were confiscated upon entry

Comparison of Case Filings by Case Type 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023	% Change
Criminal	4,690	4,936	+5.25%
Traffic	21,836	22,969	+5.19%
Photo Enforcement	34,085	49,808	+46.13%
Parking	56,603	40,694	-28.11%
Total	117,214	118,407	+1.02%

Comparison of Court Proceedings and Activities 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023	% Change
Hearings Scheduled	47,131	47,172	+0.09%
Warrants Issued	11,544	11,319	-1.95%
Warrants Served	10,131	9,522	-6.01%
Bench Trials	114*	128*	+9.65%
Jury Trials	4*	5*	+25.00%

*Number provided by the City Attorney's Office

Comparison of Probation Department Workloads and Activities

	2022	2023	% Change
Presentence Investigations	96	218	127.08%
Pending Probation Cases (Open, Warrants, Absconder)	842	926	9.98%
Attorney Appointments	3,175	3,325	+4.72%

Comparison of Court Referee Hearings (Formal and Informal) 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023	% Change
No Proof of Insurance	161	87	-45.96%
Traffic	31	33	-6.45%
Parking	4,578	3,758	-17.91%
Pet Violations	59	27	-54.24%
Post Tow Hearings	25	38	52.00%
Photo Red	930	1177	26.56%
Code Enforcement	15	13	-13.33%
Total	5,799	5,133	-11.48%

Public Comment Card Results

Positive Feedback 87.81% Negative Feedback 12.19%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Positive Feedback	Negative Feedback
Section I: Access to Justice						
I was able to easily find the courthouse, courtrooms and/or necessary facilities.	73.40%	15.96%	2.66%	7.98%	89.36%	10.64%
Court met my physical and/or language needs.	73.33%	17.14%	2.38%	7.14%	90.48%	9.52%
I was able to complete court business in a timely and effective manner.	72.51%	14.34%	3.19%	9.96%	86.85%	13.15%
Public seating was sufficient and functional.	70.95%	17.57%	4.05%	7.43%	88.51%	11.49%
Courthouse parking was convenient and available.	62.11%	21.12%	6.83%	9.94%	83.23%	16.77%
Courthouse hours of operation were convenient and reasonable.	69.05%	21.90%	3.81%	5.24%	90.95%	9.05%
The courthouse was conveniently located and accessible.	69.19%	19.19%	5.81%	5.81%	88.37%	11.63%
Section II: Fairness, Equality, and Integrity						
Court personnel handled my case fairly and impartially.	76.65%	10.89%	1.56%	10.89%	87.55%	12.45%
Court allowed me to express my point of view.	75.10%	11.62%	2.07%	11.20%	86.72%	13.28%
Court promotes equal justice.	67.97%	16.02%	3.90%	12.12%	83.98%	16.02%
Court's instructions and decisions were clear and understandable.	71.94%	15.02%	3.95%	9.09%	86.96%	13.04%
Section III: Public Trust and Confidence						
Court treated me with courtesy, dignity and respect.	75.68%	11.58%	1.54%	11.20%	87.26%	12.74%
I felt safe in the courthouse.	70.24%	18.45%	3.57%	7.74%	88.69%	11.31%
Court personnel were attentive and responded to me in a professional manner.	79.07%	11.24%	1.16%	8.53%	90.31%	9.69%
Courthouse facilities were clean and well maintained.	76.79%	16.07%	1.79%	5.36%	92.86%	7.14%
I have trust and confidence in the Court.	66.93%	15.94%	3.98%	13.15%	82.87%	17.13%

Actual Statements from Comment Cards

- *All staff and front security that I met were friendly and professional*
- *Overall the best day that I had at a courthouse in Colorado Springs.*
- *Every employee in the Municipal Court was much more polite and cheaper than county court.*
- *Very professional and extremely nice. Very rare nowadays.*
- *Court was completed in a timely manner.*

2023 Achievements

- *Replacement of all audio/visual hardware including all recording equipment, microphones, video equip and corresponding software.*
- *Successful recruitment and hire of the Chief Probation Officer position.*
- *Successful request for proposal for the court's record management system.*
- *Full implementation of outreach court, designed to assist this community's homeless population by connecting this population with services and shelter in collaboration with the Colorado Springs Fire Department.*