

Tempe Municipal Court 2023 State of the Court Executive Summary



Mission

Tempe Municipal Court is committed to providing the community with an independent judiciary that serves the public by the fair and impartial administration of justice resulting in the enhancement of public trust and confidence in the court system.

Year 2022 ended with the Court emerging from the strictest confines of the COVID-19 health protocols, allowing a return to some semblance of normalcy. COVID-19 has born innovations proven worthy of maintaining. We now offer more virtual processes which provide greater convenience to Court customers and efficiencies for Court staff. The Court is well positioned to continue advancement of its Strategic Agenda as well as the Arizona Judicial Branch Strategic Agenda, and City of Tempe Values and Strategic Priorities. I am proud to highlight below many of the Court's notable achievements for 2022.

Kevin Kane, Presiding Judge
Tempe Municipal Court

» 2022 Operational Efficiencies & Accomplishments «

- Collaborated with the Tempe Police Department and Tempe Prosecutor's Office to establish a Firearms Transfer Program. The implementation of this program provides a formal process for an individual to safely transfer firearms as well as a process for an individual to request return of firearms once restrictions are removed.
- Collaborated with the Tempe Judicial Advisory Board (JAB) to revise operating procedures related to judicial appointments. The revision allows for the JAB to consider the demographic composition and diverse needs of the community, after merit being the primary consideration for judicial recommendations. This change removed the prohibition for such consideration, and supports City of Tempe Values on diversity as well as the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Justice.
- Collaborated with City Leadership to implement the Warrant Resolution Program, to help reduce barriers for people in deciding to accept services to end their homelessness.
- Implemented Legislative and AZ Supreme Court Rules mandates.

» 2022 Improving Public Access and Fostering Education «

- Administered an Access and Fairness Public Survey.
- Partnered with Tempe Kid Zone, History Museum and schools to present annual Law Day program, art contest, and awards.
- Worked with ASU Law School to implement a Summer Externship Program.
- Collaborated with ASU School of Social Transformation to research opportunities related to restorative justice initiatives.
- Hosted a delegation of Kazakhstan judges and members of the local chapter of People-to-People Congressional Office of International Leadership and discussed judicial responsibilities, justice system, and court processes as a cultural exchange.

» 2022 Community Collaboration «

- Partnered with six courts, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Tempe Human Services, Gilbert Youth & Adult Resources, Scottsdale Youth & Family Services and others, to host the East Valley Regional Veterans Court and served 352 veterans, including 146 with Tempe cases.
- Hosted Backstage Pass Event— Council sponsored tour and Q&A session for the public.
- Worked with Glendale City Court to provide information and forms related to creating a West Valley Regional Veterans Court.
- Partnered with AHCCCS Complete Care Groups and Tempe Human Services to provide Mental Health Court services to 370 participants.
- Partnered with 49 courts in Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court, to help individuals address underlying issues, end their homelessness, and gain self-sufficiency.
- Participated in local, regional and statewide community and court improvement efforts, including:
 - ◊ AZ Supreme Court Data Standards Steering Committee
 - ◊ AZ Supreme Court Limited Jurisdiction Courts Committee
 - ◊ AZ Supreme Court Leadership Institute of Arizona
 - ◊ AZ Supreme Court Interpreter Program Advisory Committee
 - ◊ Tempe Tomorrow General Plan 2050 Technical Advisory Group
 - ◊ Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative Innovation Track

» Looking Forward «

- Expand acceptance of E-complaint types filed with the Court: Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaints, Parking, and Zoning/Neighborhood violations.
- Evaluate electronic document management system to facilitate development and implementation of active case imaging, paper-on-demand environment and Bench automation.
- Evaluate business processes and needs to move towards remote in-custody proceedings.

FAST FACTS:

- ⇒ Tempe Municipal Court is one of 167 limited jurisdiction courts in Arizona.
- ⇒ The Court conducts business seven days per week, 365 days per year.
- ⇒ The Court has 3 Judges, 2 Commissioners, 13 Judges Pro Tempore and 35 staff positions.

Charges and Petitions Filed - FY 21/22, FY 20/21 and FY 19/20

Charge Types	FY 21/22 Charges	% of Total	FY 20/21 Charges	% of Total	FY 19/20 Charges	% of Total
Criminal Traffic and Misdemeanors	15,096	32%	13,327	35%	14,012	28%
Civil Traffic	17,398	37%	10,634	28%	13,477	27%
Parking	13,253	28%	12,612	33%	19,001	38%
Local Ordinances	319	1%	1,072	3%	2,599	5%
Total Protective Order Petitions Filed	944	2%	802	1%	925	2%
Total	47,010		38,447		50,014	

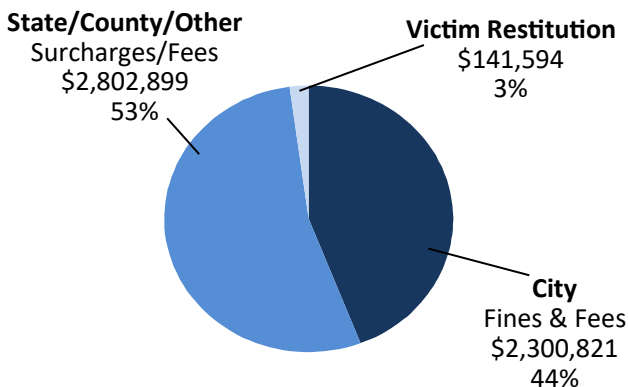
Customer Service - FY 21/22, FY 20/21 and FY 19/20

Measurement	FY 21/22	FY 20/21	FY 19/20
Court Visitors Screened through Security	54,481	30,135*	80,194*
Individuals Served at Public Window	14,115	1,129*	4,264*
Individuals Served over the Phone	41,530	60,121	55,589
Payments by Phone (IVR)	6,855	6,788	6,782
Payments by Website (IWR)	23,151	25,230	34,633
Mail Payments Processed	2,704	3,200	5,420
Correspondence Received/Filings Processed	27,330	24,817	24,357

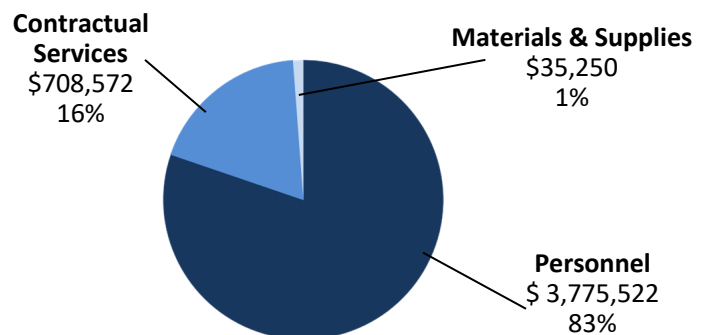
*Due to the spread of COVID-19 more individuals accessed court services remotely.

FY 21/22 Financial Information

Total monies collected by the Court in Fiscal Year 21/22 was \$5,245,314. Tempe Municipal Court operating budget from City general fund for Fiscal Year 21/22 was \$4,519,344 (excludes City Internal Services budget).



Receivables: What the Court Collects



Expenditures: What the City Budgets for Court Operations

Sources: Administrative Office of the Courts' Case Activity Report FY2021/22; Administrative Office of the Courts' Revenue Survey FY2021/22; Tempe Municipal Court Monthly Workload Indicators from Case Management System; PeopleSoft Financials.