



Fairfield Municipal Court

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The Fairfield Municipal Court, established as a full-time court in 1990, is governed by Chapter 1901 of the Ohio Revised Code. The territorial jurisdiction encompasses the Fairfield City limits. The Court hears all traffic and misdemeanor criminal cases which are alleged to have occurred within the territorial limits of the City, as well as arraignments and preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000.00 are also heard by the Court. Persons convicted and sentenced to jail are incarcerated in the Butler County Jail located in Hamilton, Ohio.

The Fairfield Municipal Court, like the rest of the country, has been negatively impacted by the current economic crisis. Although both the criminal and civil caseload has remained relatively the same, the fines and costs collected by the court for the operation of the court have decreased. The Court continues to be proactive in the collection of outstanding fines and costs.

Traditionally, the duty of our criminal courts was limited to the determination of the accused's guilt or innocence and the imposition of a fine and/or jail, as appropriate. In response to societal changes and legislative mandates, the duties of the Court have and will continue to expand and become more complex. In response to these demands and cognizant of the costs to Fairfield residents, the Court continues to explore and utilize the most efficient and cost effective methods to operate a fair and efficient Court including probation, community service, house arrest and innovative problem solving dockets.

The Fairfield Municipal Court probation department closely supervises thousands of defendants on reporting and non-reporting probation. Close supervision of defendants together with incentives to obtain and retain gainful employment and to not commit additional offenses is beneficial to the defendant and our community. The probation officers assist defendants in obtaining employment, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling and other needed services to aid the individual in becoming a law abiding, productive member of our community.

As an alternative to incarceration or as a condition of probation or as a means to satisfy outstanding fines and costs the Court operates a community service program. The community service program is run seven days a week and is flexible to accommodate the skills of the participants. During this past year the equivalent of over 1087.5 work days were performed by defendants throughout the City. This program resulted in jail cost savings in excess of \$65,250.00. The community service program continues to be very effective for several reasons: it allows defendants to pay their debt to society, it conserves limited jail space for violent and

repeat offenders, it saves the taxpayers the cost of incarceration (\$60.00 per day/per prisoner), and it allows the City, Schools and Non Profit Groups to receive the benefit of the substantial work performed.

The Court continues to be proactive and is always seeking alternative methods of dealing with the societal problems that are placed in the Court's hands for resolution. In 2000 the Fairfield Municipal Court was the second court in Ohio to establish a mental health court docket (Treatment Alternative Court), modeled after drug courts, to address the needs of non-violent mentally ill defendants. This specialized docket represents an innovative judicial approach in which offenders are held accountable for their actions but are given the tools they need to break the patterns that damage their lives and the community in which they live.

The number of OVI (operating a vehicle under the influence) cases, and particularly repeat offender cases, handled by the Fairfield Municipal Court reached nearly 500 in 2009. The success of TAC led the Court to implement, effective January 2009, a similar treatment based rehabilitative approach to repeat offender OVI cases. The STAR (sobriety, treatment, accountability, and recovery) Program is funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The mission of the STAR Program is to provide opportunity for repeat OVI offenders to receive effective treatment, including alternative treatment modalities, and supervision that holds offenders accountable for their actions, brings about behavioral change that ends OVI recidivism, stops the substance abuse, treats the victims of these offenders in a fair and just way, and protects the public while reducing the costs to our community.

The Fairfield Municipal Court belongs to its citizens and they are encouraged to visit and observe its operation. The Court strives to continually improve our justice system and is always receptive to input from the community.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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January 29, 2010

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2009 RECEIPTS - STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	5,193.50
102	Victims of Crime Fund	45,072.17
103	Public Defenders Fund	67,387.63
104	Seat Belt Fines	3,309.00
105	Drug Violation Fines	103.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	00.00
108	Expungement Fees	2,340.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	43,970.76
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Arrest Agy.Fees	270.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	434.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	100.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	100.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	10,960.64
518	Indigent Drivers Alco.Treat.Fund	4,767.00
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	27,853.70
520	Justice Program Services Fund	132.69
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – STATE	\$211,994.09

2009 RECEIPTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	75,844.80
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	555,404.22
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	302,704.55
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	175,780.46
205	Expungement Fees	1,500.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Violations	2,116.09
207	Jury Fees	00.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Administration Fees	434.25
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	7,973.50
210	City Indigent DUI Alcohol Treatmt. Fees	8,896.86
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	14,749.00
212	Special Projects Fund	64,193.50
213	Computer Equipment Fees	108,993.22
214	Court Checking Acct.-Interest Earned	134.49
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	00.00
216	Record Check/Copying Fees	1,668.50
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	240.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	468,745.34
219	House Arrest Fees	11,575.00
220	Mediation Fees	56,385.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	8,156.00
222	Scram Fee	3,400.00
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	5,862.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	5,969.10
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	180.80
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – CITY	\$1,880,906.68

2009 RECEIPTS – BUTLER COUNTY ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	1,038.70
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	20,469.00
304	Dog Warden Fines-ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees-ORC Viol.	2,492.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	60.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	955.00
308	County Indig.DUI Alco.Treatmt. Fees	559.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	00.00
310	Liquor Violation Fees (50%)	00.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	3,686.82
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – COUNTY	\$29,260.52

2009 RECEIPTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	<u>2,337.00</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS-LAW LIBRARY	\$2,337.00

2009 RECEIPTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerk's Office	35.00
501	Restitution	54,209.34
502	Deposited Funds	2,056.00
503	Appearance Bonds	130,352.80
504	Rent Escrow Account	14,136.80
505	Trusteeship Receipts	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Collected	533,327.14
515	Civil Witness Fees	12.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	165.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – MISC.	\$734,294.08

2009 DISBURSEMENTS – STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

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105	Drug Violation Fines	103.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	00.00
108	Expungment Fees	2,340.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	43,172.97
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Agcy. Fees	270.00
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112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	100.00
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220	Mediation Fees	56,385.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	8,156.00
222	Scram Fee	3,400.00
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	5,862.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	5,969.10
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	180.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - CITY		\$1,880,906.68

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301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	1,038.70
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	12,147.18
304	Dog Warden Fines – ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees – ORC Viol.	2,492.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	60.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	955.00
308	County Indigent DUI Alco.Trmt.Fees	559.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	00.00
310	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	3,686.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-COUNTY		\$20,938.70

2009 DISBURSEMENTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCT.

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DISBURSED</u>
302	County Auditor Assmt. Payment	4,635.00
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	2,337.00
	TOTAL DISBURSMTS - LAW LIB.	\$6,972.00

2009 DISBURSEMENTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DISBURSED</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerks Office	184.00
501	Restitution Paid to Victims	59,533.29
502	Deposits Refunded	1,583.00
503	Appearance Bonds Refunded	137,893.24
504	Rent Escrow Pymts. To Landlords	16,815.74
505	Trusteeship Distributions	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Paid to Plaintiffs	534,613.59
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	300.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-MISC.	\$750,922.86

2009 ACCOUNT TOTALS

RECEIPTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	211,994.09
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,880,906.68
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	29,260.52
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	2,337.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	734,294.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,858,792.37

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	211,196.27
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,880,906.68
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	20,938.70
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	6,972.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	750,922.86
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,870,936.51

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – JANUARY 1, 2009

<u>ACCT.NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees – BC Clerks Office	35.00
501	Restitution Collected for Victims	6,635.87
502	Deposited Funds (court, jury, appeal costs)	9,409.52
503	Appearance Bonds	43,734.20
504	Rent Escrow	2,474.01
509	Civil Judgments (held for distrib.to Plaintiff)	59,674.60
515	Civil Witness Fees	744.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	60.00
	TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS	\$122,767.20

CASH RECONCILIATION

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – January 1, 2009	\$134,911.34
2009 RECEIPTS – ALL COURT DIVISIONS	<u>\$2,858,792.37</u>
TOTAL 2009 RECEIPTS + 1/1/09 UNDISB. FUNDS	\$2,993,703.71
LESS: 2009 FUNDS DISBURSED	<u>\$2,870,936.51</u>
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS – 12/31/09	<u>\$122,767.20</u>
Bank Account Balance FFB 12/31/09	\$282,660.43
Bank Account Balance USB 12/31/09	<u>\$ 29,510.68</u>
	\$312,171.11
Interest for December	\$22.18
Less Merchant Service Fees for December	(\$363.37)
	 \$311,829.92
Less O/S checks	(\$189,062.72)
Book Balance	<u>\$122,767.20</u>

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Criminal/Traffic	1,839,200	2,366,714	2,175,979	2,386,588	2,091,131
Civil/Sm.Claims	727,494	897,064	1,137,511	1,060,312	767,661
TOTAL	\$2,566,694	\$2,263,778	\$3,313,490	\$3,446,900	\$2,858,792

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Fairfield	1,646,514	1,963,203	1,868,491	2,034,418	1,880,907
State of Ohio.	174,582	184,668	174,697	207,838	211,196
Butler County	32,721	45,049	45,676	41,295	20,939
Co. Law Library	6,354	7,567	6,899	8,402	6,972

CASELOAD ANALYSIS FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

DUI Cases	488	498	545	691	493
Parking Violations	42	30	13	18	86
All Other Traffic	4,749	3,644	3,150	3,791	3,235
TOTAL	5,279	4,172	3,708	4,500	3,814

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

Felony Cases	342	326	315	301	305
Misdemeanor Cases	3,090	3,740	3,748	3,822	4,397
TOTAL	3,432	4,066	4,063	4,123	4,702

TOTAL TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL CASES FILED

	8,711	8,238	7,771	8,623	8,516
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Civil & Small Claims Division

Civil Summons' Filed	1,013	1,047	1162	1,204	929
Eviction Cases Filed	743	655	675	760	761
Small Claims	120	203	177	172	147
TOTAL	1,876	1,905	2,014	2,136	1,837

<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	10,587	10,143	9,785	10,759	10,353
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