



Fairfield Municipal Court

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The Fairfield Municipal Court 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 initial appearances and preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000.00 and Small Claims cases with claims of \$6,000.00 or less 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 nation is beginning to recover from the recent economic crisis. While there was a slight decrease in criminal cases for 2018, the civil and traffic caseloads had slight increases for 2018. The Court continues to be proactive in the collection of outstanding fines and costs for the operation of the Court.

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 community control, 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 community control. 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 community control 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 111.1 work days were performed by defendants throughout the City. This program resulted in jail cost savings in excess of \$6666.00. 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.

Similarly, the Court has a treatment based rehabilitative approach to repeat offender OVI (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence) cases. The mission of the STAR (Sobriety, Treatment, Accountability and Recovery) 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.

Specialized dockets are now required to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. Both the Treatment Alternative Court and STAR dockets continue to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court as Specialized Dockets.

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.

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

**JOYCE A. CAMPBELL
JUDGE**

January 18, 2019

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Fairfield Municipal Court
Fairfield, Ohio

2018 RECEIPTS - STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	6,989.50
102	Victims of Crime Fund	39,940.68
103	Public Defenders Fund	1,082.00
104	Seat Belt Fines	3,954.00
105	Drug Violation Fines	225.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	00.00
108	Expungement Fees	1,920.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	34,935.42
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Arrest Agy.Fees	356.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	815.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	00.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	00.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	10,667.24
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	112,087.64
520	Justice Program Services Fund	345.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS – STATE		\$213,317.99

2018 RECEIPTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

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201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	48,012.88
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	578,243.24
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	176,512.53
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	141,694.57
205	Expungement Fees	4,430.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Violations	1,889.60
207	Jury Fees	162.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Administration Fees	352.58
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	4,398.00
210	City Indigent DUI Alcohol Treatmt. Fees	11,142.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	8,045.00
212	Special Projects Fund	51,152.88
213	Computer Equipment Fees	87,315.01
214	Court Checking Acct.-Interest Earned	00.00
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	50.00
216	Record Check/Copying Fees	1,869.50
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	100.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	354,045.82
219	House Arrest Fees	3,950.00
220	Mediation Fees	46,130.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	8,638.31
222	Scram Fee	11,579.99
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	11,948.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	6,077.33
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	3,639.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS – CITY		\$1,561,379.70

2018 RECEIPTS – BUTLER COUNTY ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	1,727.90
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	14,605.08
304	Dog Warden Fines-ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees-ORC Viol.	1,879.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	40.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	63.50
308	County Indig.DUI Alco.Treatmt. Fees	425.00
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	9,506.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS – COUNTY		\$28,247.13

2018 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>3,145.11</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS-LAW LIBRARY	\$3,145.11

2018 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	00.00
501	Restitution	60,914.95
502	Deposited Funds	3,056.58
503	Appearance Bonds	79,801.48
504	Rent Escrow Account	14,708.43
505	Trusteeship Receipts	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Collected	297,778.58
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	00.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – MISC.	\$456,260.02

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	TOTAL DISBURSMENTS - LAW LIB.	\$3,145.11

2018 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	00.00
501	Restitution Paid to Victims	58,150.05
502	Deposits Refunded	1,555.00
503	Appearance Bonds Refunded	86,508.20
504	Rent Escrow Pymts. To Landlords	784.08
505	Trusteeship Distributions	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Paid to Plaintiffs	289,967.61
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	00.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-MISC.	\$436,964.94

2018 ACCOUNT TOTALS

RECEIPTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	213,317.99
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,561,379.70
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	28,247.13
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	3,145.11
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	456,260.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,262,349.95

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	213,317.99
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,561,379.70
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	28,247.13
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	3,145.11
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	436,964.94
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,243,054.87

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – JANUARY 1, 2019

<u>ACCT.NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	192.00
311	Grand Jury Fees – BC Clerks Office	1,245.80
501	Restitution Collected for Victims	6,833.17
502	Deposited Funds (court, jury, appeal costs)	20,007.86
503	Appearance Bonds	125,697.78
504	Rent Escrow	17,563.23
509	Civil Judgments (held for distrib.to Plaintiff)	13,402.69
515	Civil Witness Fees	744.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	414.00
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS		\$186,100.53

CASH RECONCILIATION

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – January 1, 2018	\$166,805.45
2018 RECEIPTS – ALL COURT DIVISIONS	<u>\$2,262,349.95</u>
TOTAL 2018 RECEIPTS + 1/1/19 UNDISB. FUNDS	\$2,429,155.40
LESS: 2018 FUNDS DISBURSED	<u>\$2,243,054.87</u>
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS – 12/31/18	<u>\$186,100.53</u>
Bank Account Balance 12/31/18	\$336,186.22
Less O/S checks	(\$150,085.69)
Book Balance	<u>\$186,100.53</u>

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Criminal/Traff	1,954,126	1,865,942	1,817,295	2,038,541	1,939,685
Civil/Sm.Clai	446,677	495,816	412,438	396,704	489,470
TOTAL	2,400,803	2,361,758	2,229,733	2,435,245	2,429,155

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Fairfield	1,529,761	1,426,956	1,360,248	1,575,09	1,561,380
State of Ohio.	217,462	195,163	198,621	206,824	213,318
Butler County	30,575	46,211	30,575	29,930	28,247
Co. Law Librar	8,319	5,298	4,917	3,484	3,145

CASELOAD ANALYSIS FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

DUI Cases	452	296	311	421	312
Parking Violations	43	70	65	111	47
All Other Traffic	3,095	2,720	2,885	2,932	3,341
TOTAL	3,590	3,016	3,261	3,464	3,700

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

Felony Cases	241	227	293	380	328
Misdemeanor Cases	2,702	2,642	3,010	4,017	3,737
TOTAL	2,943	2,869	3,303	4,397	4,065

TOTAL TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL CASES FILED

6,533 5,885 6,564 7,861 7,765

Civil & Small Claims Division

Civil Summons' Filed	482	455	589	704	635
Eviction Cases Filed	594	583	488	514	713
Small Claims	109	114	111	88	90
TOTAL	1,185	1,152	1,188	1,306	1,438

TOTAL CASES 7,718 7,037 7,752 9,167 9,203

City of Fairfield Municipal Court
Community Service Data - 2018

Month	Total # of Cases	Total # of Days Sentenced	Total # of Days Served	Savings* to the city
January	12	53	26	\$ 1,560.00
February	7	38	10	\$ 600.00
March	0	20	10	\$ 600.00
April	10	44	24	\$ 1,440.00
May	11	47	14	\$ 840.00
June	1	5	0	\$ -
July	3	11	11	\$ 660.00
August	7	47	0	\$ -
September	6	23	6	\$ 360.00
October	10	38.7	10.1	\$ 606.00
November	10	29.4	0	\$ -
December	1	5	0	\$ -
Totals	78	361.1	111.1	\$ 6,666.00

Community Service Program Details:

Total number of cases assigned	78
Total number of days sentenced	361.1
Total number of days served	111.1
Total savings** for hours worked	\$ 7,599.24
Total saving from jail fees averted	\$ 6,666.00

Total estimated saving for city \$ **14,265.24**

* - Based on \$60.00 per day.

**** - Based on the Ohio minimum wage rate of \$8.55 per hour.**