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3-101. Municipal judge. The board of commissioners may appoint a town judge, as provided in § 6-21-501, *et. seq.* of the charter of the Town of Nolensville. (2002 Code, § 3-103, modified)

3-102. Jurisdiction and authority of the municipal court. Said court shall have jurisdiction over all cases for the violation of, and all cases arising under, the laws and ordinances of the Town of Nolensville. (2002 Code, § 3-102)

¹Charter references

Town judge–town court: § 6-4-301.

For complete details relating to an interlocal agreement to provide for consolidated law enforcement of the town's ordinances between the Sheriff of Williamson County, Tennessee, the General Sessions Judge for Williamson County, Tennessee and the Town of Nolensville, Tennessee, see Ord. #98-19, Oct. 1998 of record in the office of the town recorder.

3-103. Establishment of municipal court. Pursuant to § 6-4-301 of the charter of the Town of Nolensville, there is hereby created a municipal court within the Town of Nolensville. (2002 Code, § 3-101)

3-104. Qualifications of municipal judge. The municipal judge shall meet all of the minimum standards and qualifications for a municipal judge as provided in the charter of the Town of Nolensville, and as provided by the laws of the State of Tennessee. (2002 Code, § 3-104)

3-105. Powers of the municipal judge to enforce ordinances. The municipal judge shall have all the powers to enforce the ordinances of the Town of Nolensville as are provided in §§ 6-21-501, *et. seq.* of the charter of the Town of Nolensville, and as otherwise provided pursuant to the laws of the State of Tennessee. (2002 Code, § 3-105, modified)

3-106. Exemption of municipal judge from employee policies and powers of the Town of Nolensville. The municipal judge serves at the pleasure of the board of commissioners and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the employee policy and procedure manual as adopted by the Town of Nolensville. (2002 Code, § 3-106)

3-107. Exception to the powers of the municipal judge. Pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 40-4-122, the municipal judge may not enforce violations, or alleged violations, of the following statutes:

(1) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-50-401, Driving while intoxicated or drugged;

(2) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10, Part One-Failing to stop after a traffic accident;

(3) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 55-50-504, Driving while license is suspended or revoked; or

(4) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-501, Drag racing.

These offenses are specifically reserved to the State of Tennessee by statute and may not be enforced by the municipal judge. (2002 Code, § 3-107, modified)

3-108. Appeal to circuit court. Any party dissatisfied with the judge of the municipal court may appeal to the next session of the circuit court for the eighteenth judicial district held in Williamson County, Tennessee, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 27-5-102. (2002 Code, § 3-108)

3-109. Power of mayor and board of commissioners to enter into a contract with a municipal judge. Pursuant to the powers granted to the board of commissioners in the charter of the Town of Nolensville, the board of commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with an appointed

municipal judge upon such terms and conditions as they deem acceptable and beneficial to the Town of Nolensville. (2002 Code, § 3-109)

CHAPTER 2

COURT ADMINISTRATION

SECTION

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3-201. Maintenance of docket. The municipal court clerk shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before the municipal judge. The docket shall include, for each defendant, such information as his or her name; warrant and/or summons numbers; alleged offense; disposition; fines; penalties and costs imposed, and whether collected; whether committed to workhouse; and all other information that may be relevant. (2002 Code, § 3-201)

3-202. Imposition of fines, penalties, and costs. (1) All fines, penalties and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the municipal court clerk on the municipal docket in open court.

In cases wherein the defendant admits guilt and waives the opportunity to appear in open court and in cases heard and determined by the municipal judge, the judge shall tax in the bill of court costs in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per case, plus any litigation taxes authorized by the law of the State of Tennessee. A form disclosing the application of the court costs by the Town of Nolensville shall be available from the municipal court clerk at the request of any interested person and to the public.

(2) As used in this section, "electronic citation" means a written citation or an electronic citation prepared by a law enforcement officer on paper or on an electronic data device with the intent the citation shall be filed, electronically or otherwise, with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense.

Pursuant to, and in accordance with, state statutory requirements found in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 55-10-207(e), each court clerk shall charge and collect an electronic citation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each citation which results in a conviction. (2002 Code, § 3-202, as amended by Ord. #21-02, Feb. 2021)

3-203. Disposition and report of fines, penalties, and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the municipal court clerk in the form of fines, penalties, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him or her and paid over daily to the Town of Nolensville. At the end of each month he or she shall submit to the board of commissioners a report accounting for the collection or

non-collection of all fines and costs imposed by his court during the current month and to date for the current fiscal year. (2002 Code, § 3-203)

3-204. Contempt of court. Contempt of court is punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), or such lesser amount as may be imposed in the judge's discretion.

3-205. Litigation tax. On cases in municipal court there is hereby levied a municipal litigation tax to match the state litigation tax of thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).

The privilege taxes levied pursuant to this section shall be paid to the town recorder monthly to be used to assist in paying for the operation of municipal court and to defray police costs related to court operation. (2002 Code, § 3-205)