

TITLE 3**MUNICIPAL COURT¹****CHAPTER**

1. CITY JUDGE.
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3. WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS.
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CHAPTER 1**CITY JUDGE****SECTION**

3-101. City judge.

3-101. City judge. The board of commissioners may appoint the city judge, who shall preside over the city court. The city judge shall be appointed in accordance with the city's charter section found at Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-21-501. (1978 Code, § 1-501, modified)

¹Charter references

City judge:

Appointment and term: § 6-21-501.

Jurisdiction: § 6-21-501.

Qualifications: § 6-21-501.

City court operations:

Appeals from judgment: § 6-21-508.

Appearance bonds: § 6-21-505.

Arrest warrants: § 6-21-504.

Docket maintenance: § 6-21-503.

Fines and costs:

Amounts: §§ 6-21-502, 6-21-507.

Collection: § 6-21-507.

Disposition: § 6-21-506.

CHAPTER 2

COURT ADMINISTRATION

SECTION

3-201. Maintenance of docket.

3-202. Imposition of fines and costs.

3-203. Disposition and report of fines and costs.

3-204. Disturbance of proceedings.

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases.

3-201. Maintenance of docket. The city judge shall keep a complete docket of all matters coming before him in his judicial capacity. The docket shall include for each defendant such information as his name, warrant and/or summons numbers, alleged offense, disposition, fines and costs imposed and whether collected, whether committed to workhouse, and all other information that may be relevant. (1978 Code, § 1-502)

3-202. Imposition of fines and costs. All fines and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the city judge on the city court docket in open court.

Court costs shall be one hundred seventy-one dollars and fifty cents (\$171.50). (1978 Code, § 1-508, modified)

3-203. Disposition and report of fines and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the city judge in the form of fines, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the city. At the end of each month he 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. (1978 Code, § 1-511)

3-204. Disturbance of proceedings. It shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance of any trial before the city court by making loud or unusual noises, by using indecorous, profane, or blasphemous language, or by any distracting conduct whatsoever. (1978 Code, § 1-512)

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases. Every person charged with violating a city ordinance shall be entitled to an immediate trial and disposition of his case, provided the city court is in session or the city judge is reasonably available. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply when the alleged offender, by reason of drunkenness or other incapacity, is not in a proper condition or is not able to appear before the court. (1978 Code, § 1-506)

CHAPTER 3

WARRANTS, SUMMONSES AND SUBPOENAS

SECTION

3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.

3-302. Issuance of subpoenas.

3-301. Issuance of arrest warrants.¹ The city judge shall have the power to issue warrants for the arrest of persons charged with violating city ordinances. (1978 Code, § 1-503)

3-302. Issuance of subpoenas. The city judge may subpoena as witnesses all persons whose testimony he believes will be relevant and material to matters coming before his court, and it shall be unlawful for any person lawfully served with such a subpoena to fail or neglect to comply therewith. (1978 Code, § 1-505)

¹State law reference

For authority to issue warrants see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 40, chapter 6.

CHAPTER 4**APPEALS****SECTION**

3-401. Appeals.

3-401. Appeals. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days (Sundays exclusive)¹ next after such judgment is rendered appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a bond in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) as required by the general law for appeals of city court judgments. (1978 Code, § 1-509, modified)

¹Charter reference
§ 6-21-508.