

TITLE 3

MUNICIPAL COURT¹

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CHAPTER 1

CITY JUDGE

SECTION

3-101. City judge.

3-101. City judge. The officer designated by the charter to handle judicial matters within the municipality shall preside over the city court and shall be known as the city judge. (1970 Code, § 1-301)

¹Charter reference: § 18.

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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. (1970 Code, § 1-302)

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

In all cases heard and determined by him to be found guilty, the city judge shall impose court costs, in addition to all fines and penalties, in the amount of seventy dollars (\$70.00) which shall not include the cost of the state and local litigation tax or the one dollar (\$1.00) fee to be forwarded to the state treasurer to be used by the administrative office of the courts for training and continuing education courses for municipal court judges and municipal court clerks, except for those cases determined to be dismissed with cost.

The board of mayor and aldermen may establish a schedule of fines and costs of violators who choose to plead guilty or are found guilty if the board should determine that it is in the city's best interest to do so. (1970 Code, § 1-308, as amended by Ord. #14-12, Oct. 2014, and replaced by Ord. #19-04, May 2019 *Ch 7_12-2-19*)

3-203. Disposition and report of fines and costs. All funds coming into the hands of the town recorder in the form of fines, costs, and forfeitures shall be recorded by him and paid over daily to the municipality. At the end of each month he shall submit to the governing body 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. (1970 Code, § 1-311, modified)

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. (1970 Code, § 1-312)

3-205. Trial and disposition of cases. Every person charged with violating a municipal 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. (1970 Code, § 1-306)

CHAPTER 3**BONDS AND APPEALS****SECTION**

3-301. Appeals.

3-301. Appeals. Any defendant who is dissatisfied with any judgment of the city court against him may, within ten (10) days next after such judgment is rendered appeal to the next term of the circuit court upon posting a proper appeal bond.¹ (1970 Code, § 1-309)

¹State law reference
Tennessee Code Annotated, § 27-5-101.