



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 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, continues to be negatively impacted by the current economic crisis. Both the criminal and civil caseloads have declined somewhat in 2014. 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 157.5 work days were performed by defendants throughout the City. This program resulted in jail cost savings in excess of \$9,450.00. 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 were certified by the Ohio Supreme Court as Specialized Dockets in 2014.

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
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ANNUAL REPORT

**JOYCE A. CAMPBELL
JUDGE**

January 15, 2015

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2014 RECEIPTS - STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	18,514.00
102	Victims of Crime Fund	38,874.74
103	Public Defenders Fund	2,226.39
104	Seat Belt Fines	6,912.00
105	Drug Violation Fines	00.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	50.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	00.00
108	Expungement Fees	510.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	27,945.87
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Arrest Agy.Fees	834.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	414.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	250.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	350.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	11,027.67
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	109,198.58
520	Justice Program Services Fund	354.42
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – STATE	\$217,461.67

2014 RECEIPTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	74,988.93
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	507,348.60
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	191,152.93
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	123,205.45
205	Expungement Fees	1,170.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Violations	1,882.00
207	Jury Fees	276.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Administration Fees	282.13
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	7,916.00
210	City Indigent DUI Alcohol Treatmt. Fees	14,387.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	14,006.50
212	Special Projects Fund	50,808.00
213	Computer Equipment Fees	82,831.25
214	Court Checking Acct.-Interest Earned	00.00
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	00.00
216	Record Check/Copying Fees	1,618.50
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	150.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	374,517.72
219	House Arrest Fees	9,141.00
220	Mediation Fees	36,365.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	14,286.00
222	Scram Fee	7,176.51
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	7,569.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	5,274.94
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	3,406.96
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – CITY	\$1,529,760.92

2014 RECEIPTS – BUTLER COUNTY ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	3,697.80
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	11,715.35
304	Dog Warden Fines-ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees-ORC Viol.	3,296.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	20.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	120.00
308	County Indig.DUI Alco.Treatmt. Fees	795.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	00.00
310	Liquor Violation Fees (50%)	50.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	10,880.88
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – COUNTY	\$30,575.03

2014 RECEIPTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	<u>8,319.37</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS-LAW LIBRARY	\$8,319.37

2014 RECEIPTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerk's Office	00.00
501	Restitution	118,736.95
502	Deposited Funds	1,746.76
503	Appearance Bonds	97,447.60
504	Rent Escrow Account	36,774.92
505	Trusteeship Receipts	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Collected	258,468.90
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	120.00

2014 DISBURSEMENTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DISBURSED</u>
201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	74,988.93
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	507,348.60
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	191,152.93
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	123,205.45
205	Expungement Fees	1,170.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Viol.	1,882.00
207	Jury Fees	276.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Admin. Fees	282.13
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	7,916.00
210	City Indigent DUI Alco.Treatmt.Fees	14,387.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	14,006.50
212	Special Projects Fund	50,808.00
213	Computer Equipment Fees	82,831.25
214	Court Checking Acct. Interest Earned	00.00
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	00.00
216	Record Check/Copy Fees	1,618.50
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	150.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	374,517.72
219	House Arrest Fees	9,141.00
220	Mediation Fees	36,365.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	14,286.00
222	Scram Fee	7,176.51
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	7,569.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	5,274.94
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	3,406.96
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - CITY		\$1,529,760.92

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305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees – ORC Viol.	3,296.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	20.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	120.00
308	County Indigent DUI Alco.Trmt.Fees	795.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	00.00
310	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	50.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	10,880.88
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-COUNTY		\$30,575.03

2014 DISBURSEMENTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCT.

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DISBURSED</u>
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	8,319.37
	TOTAL DISBURSMTS - LAW LIB.	\$8,319.37

2014 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	121,975.42
502	Deposits Refunded	770.00
503	Appearance Bonds Refunded	80,776.60
504	Rent Escrow Pymts. To Landlords	36,774.92
505	Trusteeship Distributions	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Paid to Plaintiffs	253,817.94
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	00.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-MISC.	\$494,114.88

2014 ACCOUNT TOTALS

RECEIPTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	217,461.67
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,529,760.92
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	30,575.03
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	8,319.37
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	513,295.13
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,299,412.12

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	217,461.67
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,529,760.92
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	30,575.03
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	8,319.37
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	494,114.88
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,280,231.87

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – JANUARY 1, 2015

<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	1,105.10
501	Restitution Collected for Victims	12,748.12
502	Deposited Funds (court, jury, appeal costs)	13,171.28
503	Appearance Bonds	84,146.80
504	Rent Escrow	1,089.00
509	Civil Judgments (held for distrib.to Plaintiff)	7,060.02
515	Civil Witness Fees	744.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	315.00
	TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS	\$120,571.32

CASH RECONCILIATION

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – January 1, 2014	\$101,391.07
2014 RECEIPTS – ALL COURT DIVISIONS	<u>\$2,299,412.12</u>
TOTAL 2013 RECEIPTS + 1/1/12 UNDISB. FUNDS	\$2,400,803.19
LESS: 2013 FUNDS DISBURSED	<u>\$2,280,231.87</u>
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS – 12/31/14	<u>\$120,571.32</u>
Bank Account Balance 12/31/14	\$267,343.69
Less O/S checks	(\$146,772.37)
Book Balance	<u>\$120,571.32</u>

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal/Traff	2,437,367	2,224,384	2,064,010	2,106,967	1,954,126
Civil/Sm.Clai	619,739	625,922	595,165	430,144	446,677
TOTAL	\$3,057,106	2,850,306	2,659,175	2,537,111	2,400,803

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Fairfiel	2,074,224	1,962,807	1,726,481	1,605,433	1,529,761
State of Ohio.	239,994	241,005	220,239	224,727	217,462
Butler County	28,870	32,334	40,963	34,511	30,575
Co. Law Librar	8,750	13,752	8,720	6,900	8,319

CASELOAD ANALYSIS FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

DUI Cases	442	424	430	587	452
Parking Violations	140	92	19	105	43
All Other Traffic	3,505	2,435	2,410	3,204	3,095
TOTAL	4,087	2,951	2,859	3,896	3,590

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

Felony Cases	272	234	227	207	241
Misdemeanor Cases	4,206	4,100	3,132	3,008	2,702
TOTAL	4,478	4,334	3,359	3,215	2,943

TOTAL TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL CASES FILED

	8,565	7,285	6,218	7,111	6,533
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Civil & Small Claims Division

Civil Summons' Filed	859	799	653	481	482
Eviction Cases Filed	699	719	699	631	594
Small Claims	102	149	107	111	109
TOTAL	1,660	1,667	1,459	1,223	1,185

<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	10,225	8,952	7,677	8,334	7,718
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