

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Municipal Court Revenue Reporting

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The City Council requests that the Municipal Court submit a quarterly written report to its Finance and Budget Committee beginning on April 15, 2011 and continuing to April 15, 2012, containing the following:

1. The amount of revenue generated year-to-date by the end of each quarter in both the current and previous year, by each of the following:
 - a. The credit card convenience fee;
 - b. The deferred finding administrative fee;
 - c. The time payments fee;
 - d. Garnishments;
 - e. Re-issued red light tickets;
 - f. Probation monitoring fee; and
 - g. Overtime parking default penalty fee.
2. Any variance between the amounts of the fee actually imposed on each person and the \$25 fee amount anticipated with the 2011 – 2012 Proposed Budget for the probation monitoring fee. This report should include the number of instances of waiver, or reduction in the fee, the amount of any fee reductions, and a general discussion of the reasons (such as indigence) for reductions or waivers. Each fee reduction or waiver need not be reported separately; it is acceptable to report total numbers of reductions within ranges, such as the number reduced to between 50% to 100% of the full fee; the number reduced to between 30% to 50%, the number reduced to between 10% and 30%, and the number completely waived.
3. For each item in #1 above an assessment of the reasons, such as seasonal variation, for any significant variance between actual revenues collected and the revenue estimated with the 2011 – 2012 Proposed Budget.
4. Total amount of traffic and parking fines referred to magistrates for mitigation hearings and the total amount ultimately imposed by the magistrates.

5. What proportion of those fines referred to in #4 above are imposed by the magistrates in the full amount referred to the magistrates, and what proportion receive reductions, by ranges of the reduction amounts as described in item #2 above.

Discussion:

The 2011 – 2012 Proposed Budget relies upon revenues from Municipal Court fee increases and revised collection measures for over \$1.2 million in increased GSF revenue. The Council would like to stay informed of the actual collection of this revenue so that any General Subfund budget shortfalls may be addressed in a timely way.

Also, the Council is interested in the court's policy toward reduction or waiver of traffic and parking fines in mitigation hearings.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety and Education

Date Due to Council: Quarterly Reports beginning April 15, 2011