



2025 STATE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

PRESENTED BY: JUDGE BRIAN BOWEN

ANNUAL REPORT

- 2025 Summary
 - Tickets received – 10,006 (5,465 traffic)
 - Customers served
 - 3,745 (counter)
 - 7,705(phone)
 - 8,355 (email)

Attachments:

- 2026 Court Calendar
- 2025 Court Statistics Report
- 2025 Fine Schedule



PROBATION

- 2025 Summary
 - 128 carried over from 2024 roster
 - 659 new cases assigned to Probation
 - 662 cases successful in 2025
 - 48 cases unsuccessful in 2025



COURT TRIALS, JURY TRIALS, APPEALS

➤ Court Trials

- 6 Court Trials Held in 2025

➤ Jury Trials

- 0 Jury Trials Held in 2025

➤ Appeals

- 1 Appeal filed in 2025



FRESH START EVENT

- Event held on 10/02/25 and provided opportunity for defendants with outstanding warrants, fines, or other compliance issues to get cases back on track.
- To continue to be held annually in the future.



Fine Schedule Updates

- Fine Schedule Review and Updates in 2025
 - Traffic and Non-Traffic Fine Schedule amounts increased in 2025
 - First increase to most fines since 2009
 - Overweight vehicle fine schedule amounts increased in January 2026

INDIGENT DEFENSE COUNSEL

- \$35,203.34 paid to Court Appointed Attorneys in 2025
- Grant funds used to pay Court Appointed Attorneys for all qualifying first appearances
 - 46 1st appearances in 2025
 - \$3,300.00 paid from 1st appearance DOLA grant funds in 2025
 - 1st appearance DOLA grant funding discontinued in 2025 as part of State budget cuts; some carryover of funds will be used in 2026, however, City will need to cover the CAA expense for 1st appearances moving forward.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

- Adams County Detention Facility
 - Video appearances of persons in custody –continued to utilize WebEx and Zoom platforms in 2025.



COLORADO MUNICIPAL JUDGE'S ASSOCIATION

- Judicial Conferences –presiding and 1 substitute judge attended Spring and Fall CMJA Conferences in 2025. City covers expenses and membership dues for Presiding Judge.

OTHER MEETINGS REGULARLY ATTENDED IN 2025:

- Quarterly meetings with Colorado Supreme Court Justices
- Quarterly meetings for Adams/Broomfield County Municipal Judges



Colorado Supreme Court Opinion

- **24SA276 In Re: People vs. Camp**
- **24SA308 & 24SA309 In Re: People vs. Simons**

-Applying a preemption analysis, the supreme court holds that when a municipal ordinance and a state statute prohibit identical conduct, the municipal penalties for such conduct may not exceed the corresponding state penalties for that conduct. Accordingly, while an individual may be prosecuted in municipal court for their ordinance violation, they may not be subjected to penalties that exceed the state caps for the corresponding offenses.



STAFF/COURT EFFICIENCY

- Electronic/Paperless case processing
- Text Message Notifications/Reminders
- Virtual hearing options
 - Increased convenience for case parties and reduction in FTA rate
 - Court hearings & business conducted 100% virtually when necessary
- Utilization of conducting other court business electronically via email/online payment system
- Implementation of Court Survey
 - Available in paper and online format
 - Positive results



LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

- In-person Spanish interpreters available every other Wednesday
- Language Line interpreters used for all other languages and court dates
 - Available for 240+ languages
 - 24 different languages accessed in 2025
 - Top 5 language interpreters used in 2025: Spanish, French, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Russian
- Use of LanguageLine interpreter services has provided additional convenience & significant cost savings





Discussion

