

# CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2008/09 BUDGET

## AGENCY 60 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court administers justice with fairness, equality and integrity, resolves matters before the court in a timely manner with trained and motivated staff, and provides courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence.

### DESCRIPTION

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court is a limited jurisdiction court serving the City of Detroit. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction in all litigation up to \$25,000 and handles small claims and landlord/tenant proceedings. The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court handles a large volume of civil infraction traffic violations, drunk driving, misdemeanor and felony arraignments, and some parking violations, among various other court responsibilities. Criminal jurisdiction includes all misdemeanor criminal offenses and preliminary examination of felony offenses. Annual case filings exceed 450,000, the majority of which are handled in the Traffic and Ordinance Division. Michigan's largest limited jurisdiction court, the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court has 31 judges, 6 magistrates, and over 400 employees at a single location in downtown Detroit. The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court is one of the busiest courts in the nation. On a monthly basis more than 160,000 citizens conduct business at the court and in excess of 65,000 telephone inquiries are received.

### GOALS

1. Maintain and insure speedy, efficient and just litigation on all cases before the Court.

### DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	\$44,191,898	\$44,191,898
REVENUES	<u>21,473,256</u>	<u>21,473,256</u>
NET TAX COST	\$22,718,642	\$22,718,642
POSITIONS	392	392