

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION 36TH DISTRICT COURT (60)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The 36th District Court is to administer justice with fairness, equality and integrity, to resolve matters before the Court in a timely manner with trained and motivated staff and to provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence.

DESCRIPTION

The 36th 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 36th 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 36th District Court has 31 judges, 6 magistrates, and over 400 employees at a single location in downtown Detroit. The 36th 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.

MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2008-09

The 36th District Court's main focus this fiscal year is on obtaining sufficient funding to maintain the court at full operation, fill current vacancies, purchase technology that will improve court operations, provide speedy and efficient service to the public,

and meet the Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2003-7 time guidelines for the adjudication of cases. For the past several years, the Court has experienced the challenge of continuing court operations while facing significant reductions in appropriations. As a result, the court has instituted a hiring freeze, eliminated all but essential overtime and postponed the purchase of new technologies.

Another major initiative during this time period is the implementation of the Traffic Ticket Amnesty Program. The goal of this program is to generate revenue by stimulating the payment of defaulted civil infractions by allowing citizens for a limited time period to pay outstanding traffic tickets at a reduced rate.

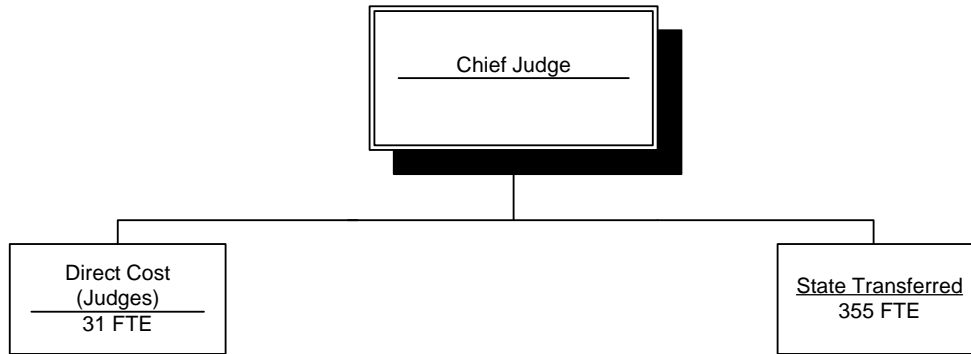
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11 and BEYOND

In the future, the 36th District Court would like to introduce new technologies that improve the timeliness and effectiveness of court operations. E-citation is one new technology that would improve court operations by providing the Court with the means to electronically download traffic ticket information directly into our computer system. This would improve the Court's effectiveness and reduce costs by eliminating the need to manually enter each ticket into the database.

The 36th District Court continues to hold its vision of becoming nationally recognized as a leader in providing innovative, cost-effective and efficient administration of justice. One of the most cost effective ways to materialize this vision is through the use of technology. By using technology, the Court will not only enhance internal

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processes but also provide better services to the community



PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND TARGETS

Type of Performance Measure: List of Measures	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Projection	2009-10 Target
Output: Units of Activity directed towards Goals			
Felony	12,374	13,611	14,292
Misdemeanor	50,648	55,713	58,498
Civil Infractions	6,973	7,670	8,054
Misdemeanors and Civil Infractions	218,907	240,798	252,838
Operating under the Influence of Liquor (OUI/OWI)	2,061	2,267	2,380
General	51,927	57,120	59,976
Small Claims	3,525	3,878	4,071
Real Estate	40,751	44,826	47,067
Total Cases	387,166	425,883	447,177

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EXPENDITURES

	2007-08		2009-10			
	Actual	2008-09	Mayor's	Variance	Variance	
	Expense	Redbook	Budget Rec		Percent	
Salary & Wages	\$ 21,109,032	\$ 18,703,784	\$ 18,445,068	(258,716)	-1%	
Employee Benefits	11,002,163	11,633,293	11,255,752	(377,541)	-3%	
Prof/Contractual	2,158,794	2,234,380	1,991,401	(242,979)	-11%	
Operating Supplies	749,293	480,000	720,000	240,000	50%	
Operating Services	8,999,118	10,149,861	10,189,828	39,967	0%	
Capital Equipment	74,466	103,450	63,450	(40,000)	-39%	
Other Expenses	927,113	887,130	921,730	34,600	4%	
TOTAL	\$ 45,019,979	\$ 44,191,898	\$ 43,587,229	\$ (604,669)	-1%	
POSITIONS	450	392	386	(6)	-2%	

REVENUES

	2007-08		2009-10			
	Actual	2008-09	Mayor's	Variance	Variance	
	Revenue	Redbook	Budget Rec		Percent	
Fines/Forfeits/Penalties	\$ 7,522,260	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 8,600,000	\$ -	0%	
Grants/Shared Taxes	801,911	827,129	828,232	1,103	0%	
Sales & Charges	11,232,635	12,046,127	12,046,127	-	0%	
TOTAL	\$ 19,556,806	\$ 21,473,256	\$ 21,474,359	\$ 1,103	0%	

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