



City of Lawrence



Municipal Court
2019 Annual Report
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The Details

The Lawrence Municipal Court is dedicated to providing fair and appropriate resolutions of Municipal Code violations in an efficient, knowledgeable and respectful manner.

Top 3 Cited Offenses

Traffic Violations

1	Speeding	1009
2	No Proof of Insurance	981
3	Seat Belt Violation	931

Parking Violations

1	Parked with Expired Tag	3942
2	Posted No Parking	1177
3	Habitual Violator	731

Public Offenses

1	Theft	340
2	Animal at Large	178
3	Criminal Trespass	162

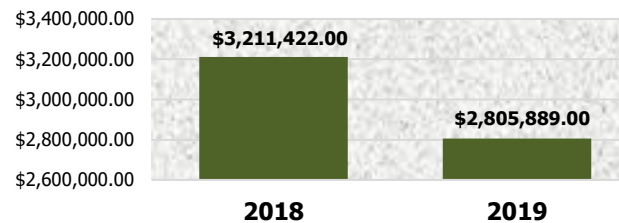
New Location: The Municipal Court relocated to 1 Riverfront Plaza in February, 2019. Our new space provides a more secure and efficient court experience for citizens. Some of the enhanced features include an overflow area for use during large court dockets, a seating area for defendants and attorneys to confer, an on-site drug testing facility and additional parking for citizens and staff.

Court Operations: Court was in session over 1,200 times in 2019. Court staff processed 2,553 warrants, mailed over 24,000 notices for past due traffic and parking citations, assisted citizens in obtaining fingerprints 314 times, and processed over 900 open records requests.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 18,473, down 15% from 2018. There were 65,461 downtown meter citations issued in 2019, down less than 1% from the 2018 total of 65,603. On average, 68% of meter tickets were paid within 10 days of issuance.

Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$2,805,889, down 13% from the 2018 total. Nearly 22,000 credit card payments were received, either at the customer service counter or online. This accounts for 38% of the court's revenue total. Revenue from meter parking fees totaled \$552,613, up slightly from the 2018 total.

Annual Revenue Comparison

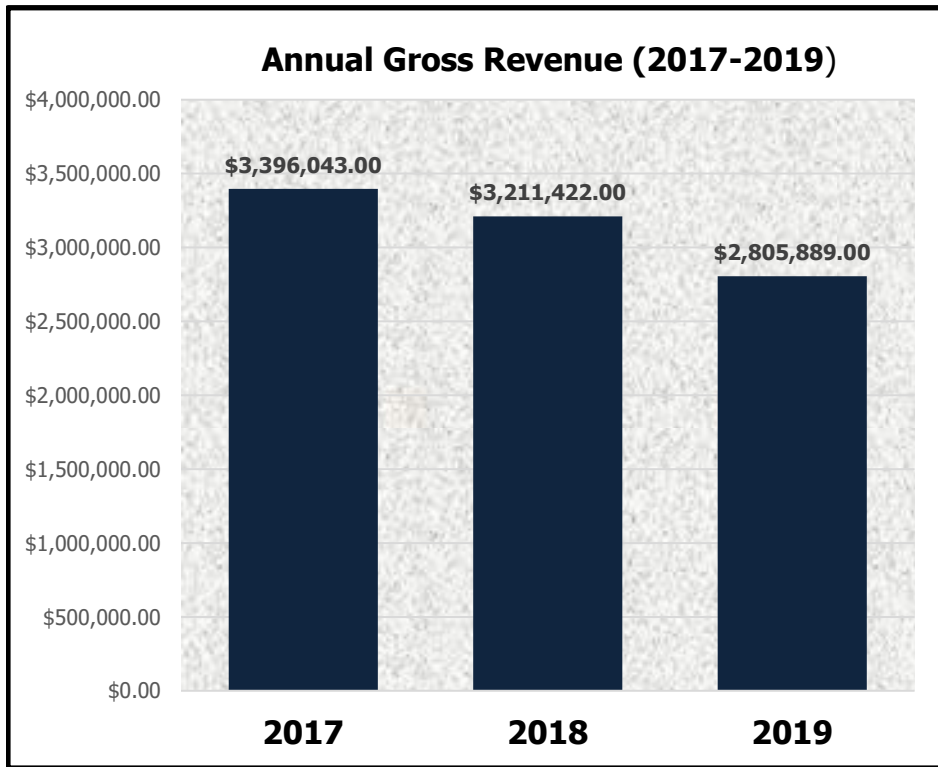


Community Service: Upon conviction, defendants with financial obligations to the court are given the opportunity to do community service work in lieu of fines. In 2019, defendants worked approximately 6,900 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits from the hours worked. Workers are assigned to several area agencies, including Penn House, Habitat Restore, Just Food and the Lawrence Humane Society. Many of these agencies would have difficulty operating at full capacity without assistance from community service workers.

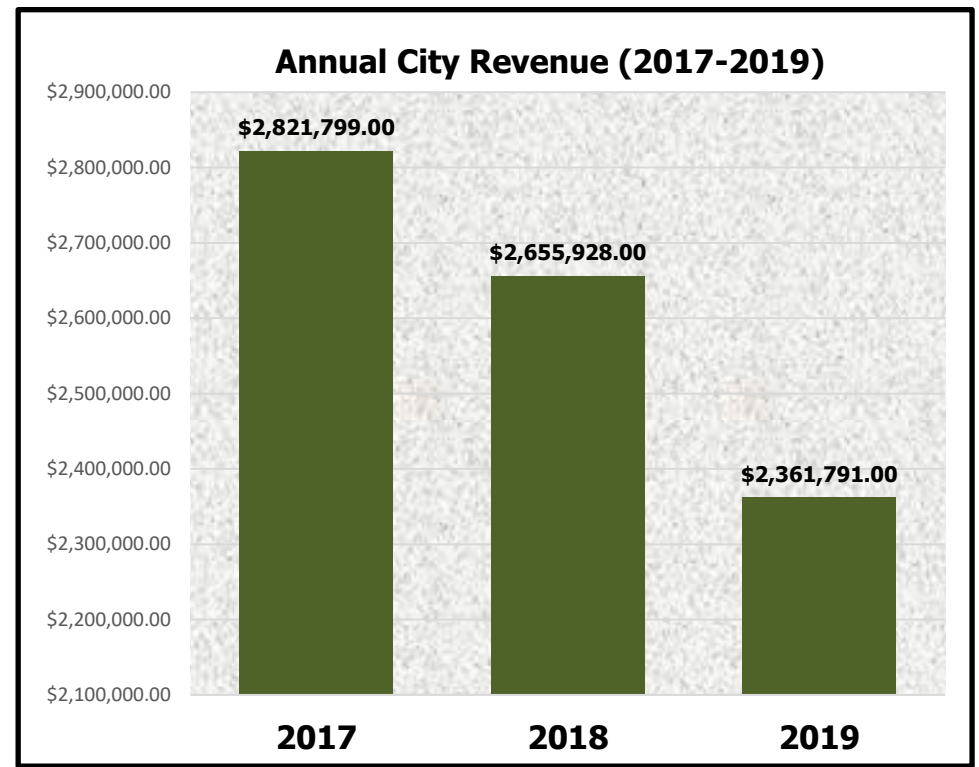
Probation: As of December 31, 2019, there were 58 defendants on supervised probation, down 29% from the 2018 total. Approximately 1,789 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation, and 1,487 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2019.

Diversions: There were 1,189 charges diverted through the City Prosecutor's office in 2018, and 1,571 diversions were successfully completed.

Yearly Revenue Totals



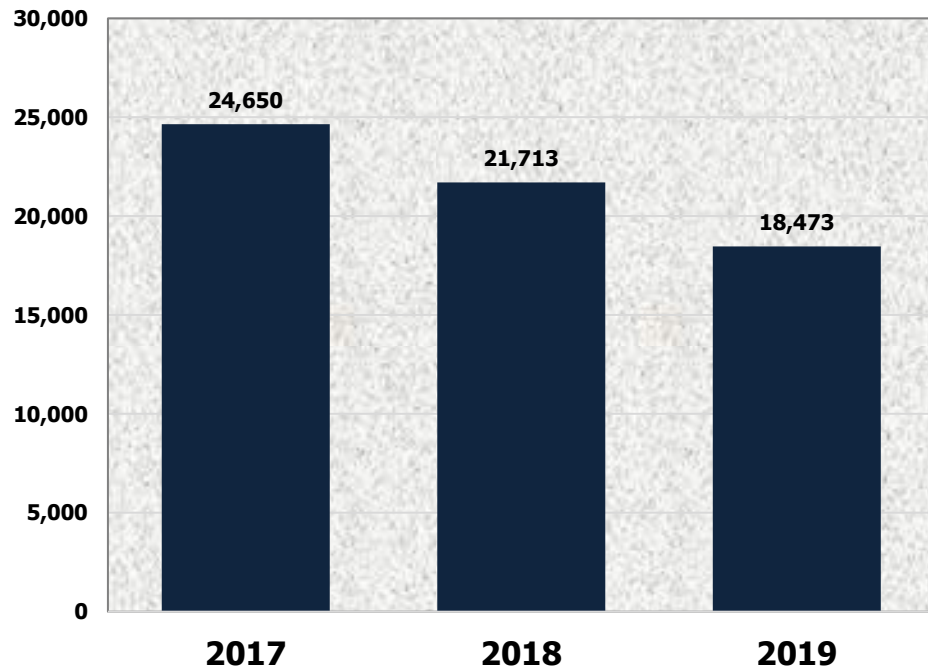
The gross revenue depicted above is the total of all money received by the Municipal Court and includes fees that are remitted to the State of Kansas as required by law. Approximately 7% of the gross revenue total was remitted to the State of Kansas in 2019. These fees are used to fund training programs for judges and law enforcement personnel, community corrections supervision, forensic laboratory costs and other services. Payments received for court ordered restitution are also included in the gross revenue amount. Once collected, restitution payments are disbursed to victims of crime.



The city revenue total combines money received in the General Fund for court fines and fees, as well as revenue to the Parking Fund for downtown meter fees and long term parking passes.

Yearly Citation Totals

Total Tickets Issued (2017-2019)



Tickets by Type (2017-2019)

