

# CHAPTER 7

## MUNICIPAL COURT

### ARTICLE 7.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS<sup>\*</sup>

(Reserved)

### ARTICLE 7.02 BUILDING SECURITY FUND<sup>†</sup>

#### Sec. 7.02.001 Assessment and collection of fee

A person convicted in a trial for a misdemeanor offense in court shall be assessed a \$3.00 security fee as a cost of court. The fee shall be collected by the clerk of the court and remitted to the city treasurer for deposit to a special account designated as the "Municipal Court Building Security Fund."

#### Sec. 7.02.002 Use of fund

Money in the fund may be used only to finance the following items when used for the purpose of providing security services for buildings housing a municipal court:

- (1) The purchase or repair of X-ray machines and conveying systems;
- (2) Handheld metal detectors;
- (3) Walk through metal detectors;
- (4) Identification cards and systems;
- (5) Electronic locking and surveillance equipment;
- (6) Bailiffs, deputy sheriffs, deputy constables, or contract security personnel during the time when they are providing appropriate security services;
- (7) Signage;
- (8) Confiscated weapon inventory and tracking systems;
- (9) Locks, chains, or other security hardware; and
- (10) Continuing education on security issues for court personnel and security personnel.

#### Sec. 7.02.003 Administration

The fund shall be administered under the direction of the city council pursuant to Vernon's Ann. C.C.P. article 102.017 as amended.

(1996 Code, art. 8.900)

### ARTICLE 7.03 TECHNOLOGY FUND<sup>\*</sup>

#### Sec. 7.03.001 Created

(a) There is hereby created and established a municipal court technology fund, known as the fund, pursuant to article 102.0172 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) The fund may be maintained in an interest-bearing account and may be maintained in the general revenue account.

(1996 Code, sec. 8.1001)

#### Sec. 7.03.002 Fee

(a) The fee shall be in the amount of \$4.00.

(b) The fee shall be assessed and collected from the defendant upon conviction for a misdemeanor

offense in the municipal court as a cost of court. A defendant is considered convicted if:

- (1) A sentence is imposed on the person;
- (2) The person is placed on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision; or
- (3) The court defers final disposition of the person's case.
- (c) The fee shall be collected on conviction for an offense committed on or after September 1, 1999.
- (d) The clerk of the court shall collect the fee and pay the fee to the municipal treasurer of the city, who shall deposit the fee into the municipal court technology fund.

(1996 Code, sec. 8.1002)

**Sec. 7.03.003 Designated use of fund and administration**

(a) The fund shall be used only to finance the purchase of technological enhancements for the municipal court of the city, including:

- (1) Computer systems;
- (2) Computer networks;
- (3) Computer hardware;
- (4) Computer software;
- (5) Imaging systems;
- (6) Electronic kiosks;
- (7) Electronic ticket writers; or
- (8) Docket management systems.

(b) The fund shall be administered by or under the direction of the city council.

(1996 Code, sec. 8.1003)