

MUNICIPAL COURT – ANNUAL REPORT 2022



The Municipal Court oversees non-criminal traffic and ordinance violations. The mission of the court is to provide access to justice to the people of the City of Sheboygan and the Village of Kohler in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Municipal Court accounts for the collection of forfeitures owed to the City of Sheboygan and Village of Kohler. The court is managed by Judge Natasha Torry.

In 2022, citations filed in the Municipal Court continued to trend upward towards pre-COVID numbers. Forfeiture collection rates remained stable at an amount significantly higher than years prior to 2021. There was no staff turnover.

In 2022, Judge Torry was able to reinstate the Truancy Workshop in partnership with Sheboygan Area School District staff. She is currently looking into development of a new program for restorative justice at South High.

| Workload Measurements | 2018 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2022 Actual |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sheboygan Police Department cases | 6,139 | 5,511 | 3,861 | 4,381 | 5,535 |
| Sheboygan Building Inspection Department cases | 503 | 489 | 373 | 453 | 227 |
| Sheboygan Fire Department cases | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Village of Kohler cases | 294 | 603 | 808 | 967 | 744 |
| Total Number of cases | 6,940 | 6,603 | 5,043 | 5,801 | 6,506 |

| Collections | 2018 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2022 Actual |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Total Forfeitures ordered | \$1,263,291 | \$1,369,504 | \$1,049,096 | \$1,094,223 | \$1,083,047 |
| Total Forfeitures, Fees and Reimbursements collected (minus restitution) | \$922,128 | \$827,257 | \$752,705 | \$917,271 | \$918,448 |
| Restitution Paid to Victims | \$19,982 | \$15,766 | \$12,232 | \$15,705 | \$18,024 |

| Permanent Staffing | 2018 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2021 Actual | 2022 Actual |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Municipal Court Judge | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Municipal Court Clerk | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Assistant Court Clerk | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Total Staffing | 2.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 2.50 |