



City of Lawrence



Municipal Court
2017 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 Traffic Offenses

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| 1 | Seat Belt Violation | 1997 |
| 2 | No Proof of Insurance | 1199 |
| 3 | Speeding | 966 |

Top 3 Parking Violations

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| 1 | Parked with Expired Tag | 5183 |
| 2 | Habitual Violator
(Downtown Meter Pkg.) | 1415 |
| 3 | Posted No Parking | 1368 |

Top 3 Public Offenses

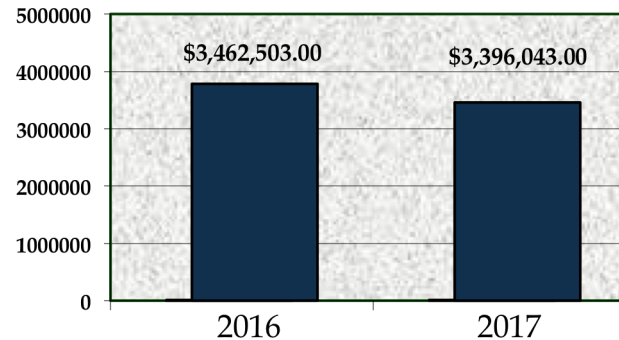
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| 1 | Theft | 385 |
| 2 | Minor in Possession | 258 |
| 3 | Poss. Of Marijuana | 244 |

Court Operations: Court was in session over 1,100 times in 2017. There were 26,831 criminal, traffic and parking charges disposed during 2017, down 5% from the previous year. Court staff processed 3,766 warrants, mailed over 29,000 notices for past due traffic and parking citations, completed 555 citizen fingerprints and processed nearly 900 open records requests.

Citations: The total number of traffic, parking and public offense citations (charges) issued for the year was 24,650, down less than 1% from 2016. There were 82,099 downtown meter citations issued in 2017, down 15% from the 2016 total of 96,672. Records reflect that 70% of meter tickets were paid within 10 days of issuance.

Revenue: Annual gross revenue in Municipal Court was \$3,396,043, down 2% from the 2016 total. Over 17,400 credit card payments were received, either at the customer service counter or online. This accounts for 29% of the court's revenue total. Revenue from meter parking fees totaled \$647,343, an increase of 7% from the 2016 total. There were 213 parking complaints filed on habitual offenders with large amounts of unpaid parking fines. Revenue from these complaints totaled \$93,702 in 2017.

Annual Gross Revenue

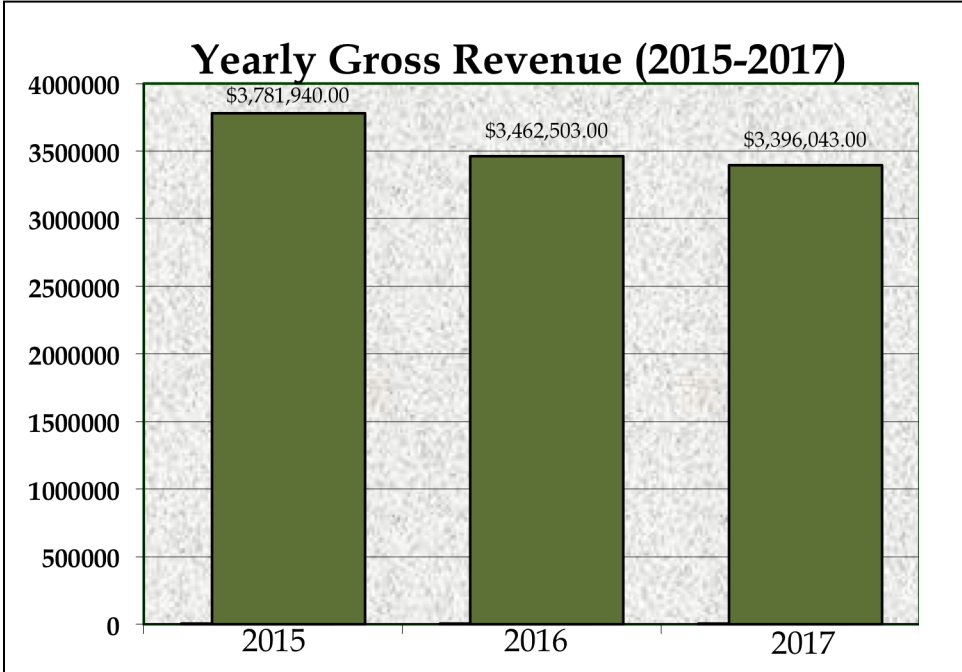


Community Service: Defendants with financial obligations to the court are given the opportunity to do community service work in lieu of fines. In 2017, defendants worked nearly 7,000 hours of community service. This sentencing option reduces a defendant's monetary obligation and the community benefits 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.

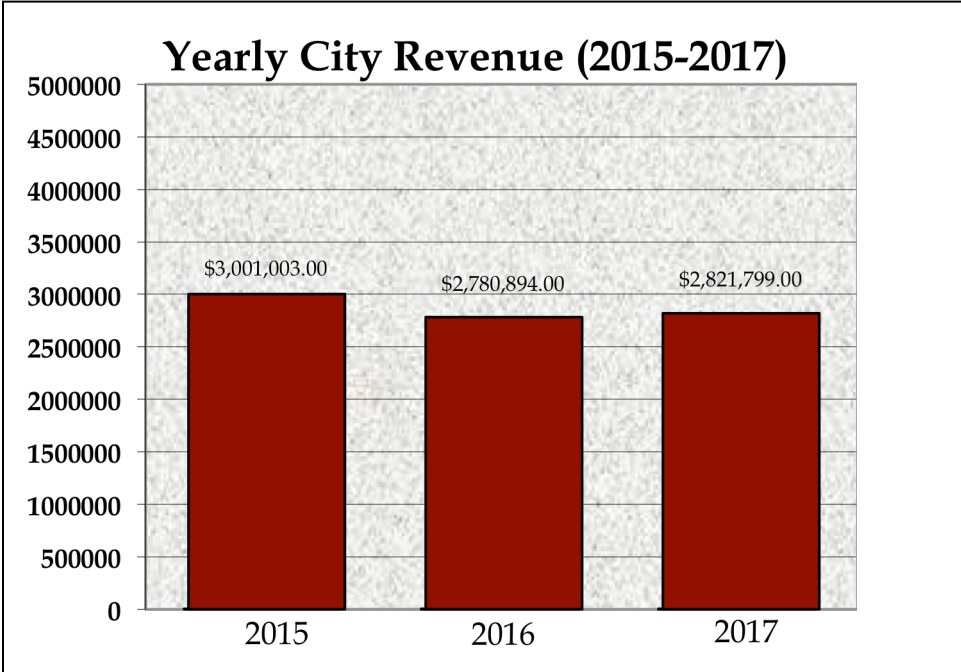
Probation: As of December 31, 2017, there were 116 defendants on supervised probation, and approximately 1,700 defendants were placed on unsupervised probation. These numbers are down slightly from 2016 totals. Over 1,300 defendants successfully completed their probation term in 2017.

Diversions: There were 1,022 diversions processed through the City Prosecutor's office in 2017. Diversions are granted by the City Prosecutor on a case by case basis and carry an enhanced fine.

Yearly Revenue Totals



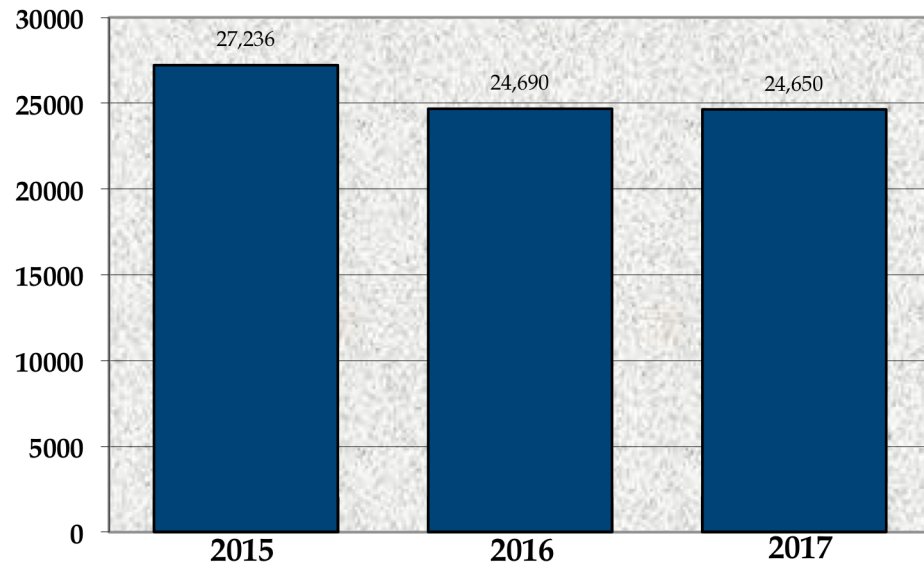
The gross revenue depicted above is the total of all money received by the Municipal Court and includes fees that are remitted to the State of Kansas as required by law. These fees are used to fund training programs for judges and law enforcement personnel, community corrections supervision, forensic 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 (2015-2017)



Tickets by Type (2015-2017)

