

ARTICLE 15 Court

Section 1. Court A court is hereby created in the City of Ashland, Oregon, to be known as the Municipal Court. The court shall be open for the transaction of judicial business at regular times specified by the Council. All area within the City shall be within the territorial jurisdiction of the court. When not governed by ordinances or this Charter, all proceedings in the Municipal Court for the violation of a City ordinance shall be governed by the applicable general laws of the State governing District Courts.

Section 2. Judge The Municipal Judge shall be the judicial officer of the City. He/she shall exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction of all offenses defined and made punishable by ordinances and Charter of the City and all other offenses made punishable by State law over which the City is given concurrent jurisdiction. He/she shall have authority to issue process for the arrest of any person accused of an offense against the ordinances and Charter of the City, to commit any such person to jail or admit him/her to bail pending trial, to issue subpoenas, to compel obedience to such subpoenas, to issue any process necessary to carry into effect the judgments of the Court, and to punish witnesses and others for contempt of the Court. The Judge shall make a monthly report of the Court's proceedings in writing to the City Council.

Section 3. Term The term of the Municipal Judge shall be four (4) years. (Charter amendment 5-23-78).

Section 4. Jury A defendant may have a jury of six (6) members by demanding the same. Any jury chosen shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon relating to juries in the District Court, and shall have the qualifications of such jurors resident within the corporate limits of said City.

Section 5. Fines, Fees, Costs, and Cash Bail The City Council shall provide for the collection of all Court fines, fees, costs and cash bail which shall be turned over to the City Recorder.