

MUNICIPAL COURTS GENERALLY CHAPTER 19 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT

In Ohio, the municipal court system is a creature of statute. These courts do not have inherent powers or jurisdiction, but only those granted to them by the legislative branch of our state government. It is the legislature which creates (and which can also abolish) a municipal court.

For a complete listing of all municipal courts created by statute in Ohio, see the appendix of this section.

JURISDICTION

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Each municipal court has jurisdiction within a statutorily determined territory. The Ohio Revised Code defines a court's "territory" as the geographical areas within which a municipal court has jurisdiction. Municipal courts always have jurisdiction within the corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations. Generally, however, a municipal court will also have jurisdiction over other cities or townships outside the corporate limits. For example, the Lorain Municipal Court has jurisdiction within the corporate limits of the city of Lorain, but it also has jurisdiction over the City of Sheffield Lake and the Townships of Black River and Sheffield. For a complete listing of the territorial jurisdiction of each municipal court in Ohio, see the appendix of this section. For the names of the Clerks and for the most current information see the Directory of the Ohio Association of Municipal Court Clerks.

LOCATION OF COURT

A municipal court having jurisdiction only within the corporate limits of its municipal corporation must be physically within those limits. A municipal court having territorial jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of its municipal corporation may (at the option of the judge or judges who preside over the court) be located outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation and within the area of its territorial jurisdiction. Example: The Cleveland Heights Municipal Court has territorial jurisdiction only within the city limits of Cleveland Heights. Therefore, the court must be located within those limits. But the East Liverpool Municipal Court has jurisdiction within East Liverpool and the Townships of Liverpool and St. Clair. Thus, this court could be properly located in the city or in either township.

The location of several Municipal Courts (or branches of them) are mandated by statute and are not left to the election of the court judges. They are as follows:

1. **HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** Two (2) or more of the judges must be assigned by the presiding judge to sit outside the municipal corporation of Cincinnati.

2. **PORTAGE MUNICIPAL COURT:** Two (2) of the judges must sit within the municipal corporation of Ravenna, and one (1) judge must sit within the municipal corporation of Kent. (The judges may at their election, also sit in other incorporated areas of Portage County.)
3. **WAYNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** One (1) judge must sit within the municipal corporation of Wooster, and one (1) must sit within the municipal corporation of Orrville. (Both may also sit in other incorporated areas of Wayne County).
4. **AUGLAIZE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** The judge must sit within the municipal corporations of Wapakoneta and St. Mary's, and may sit in other corporate areas of Auglaize County.
5. **MIAMI COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** At least one (1) judge must sit within the municipal corporations Troy, Piqua and Tipp City, and the judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Miami County.
6. **CRAWFORD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** The judge must sit within the municipal corporations of Bucyrus and Galion and may sit in other incorporated areas in Crawford County.
7. **JACKSON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT:** The judge must sit within the municipal corporations of Jackson and Wellston and may sit in other incorporated areas of Jackson County.

In any municipal corporation having more than one (1) judge, except in the Hamilton County Municipal Corporation, the decision for one or more judges to sit outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation must be made by rule of the court, pursuant to statute. (See §1901.14 and §1901.16)

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES

The jurisdiction of the municipal court bordering on Lake Erie is extended to the international boundary on the lake. Thus in addition to the territorial jurisdiction conferred by law, the following municipal courts have jurisdiction within their respective counties northerly beyond line between the United States and Canada: Ashtabula, Avon Lake, Cleveland, Conneaut, Euclid, Huron, Lakewood, Lorain, Mentor, Oregon, Painesville, Port Clinton, Rocky River, Sandusky, Toledo, Vermilion and Willoughby. This additional jurisdiction exists between the easterly and westerly boundary lines of the adjacent municipal or county courts.

(Note: The Port Clinton Municipal Court has jurisdiction northerly beyond the south shore of Lake Erie to the Canadian line, as stated above, except for Put-in-Bay Township in Ottawa County.)

BRANCH OFFICES

In order to more efficiently administer its business, a municipal court is empowered by law to establish and operate one or more branch offices within the territory. The court may also appoint a special deputy clerk to administer each branch office.

MONETARY JURISDICTION

A municipal court has original jurisdiction only in those cases where the amount claimed by any party does not exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00). If the subject matter of the action is personal property, the appraised value of the property may not exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00). (Generally, if a counterclaim prayer exceeds FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) the case must be transferred and certified over to the Court of Common Pleas.)

In accordance with these limits, judgement may be rendered in an amount greater than FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) only when the excess amount consists of interest, damages for improperly detaining personal property, or costs that occurred after the action commenced.

There is an exception to the above limits on monetary jurisdiction: The limit does not apply in cases involving the appointment of the trustees to receive and distribute earnings of a debtor in accordance with §2329.70.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNTY COURT CLERK

The duties and powers of the County Court Clerk are set out in §1907.101. The most significant difference between the Municipal and the County Court is the territory includes any area of the county not include in the jurisdiction for a civil case is \$3,000.00, as opposed to the \$15,000.00 limit of the Municipal Court. Criminal, traffic, and small claims have the same jurisdiction in both Municipal and County Courts. The County Court Clerk is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners with the concurrence of the County Court Judge, or Judges, and shall receive the annual compensation that the Board of County Commissioners prescribes (§1907.101 (A).)

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Providing the above monetary limitations are met, a municipal court has original jurisdiction within its territory in all of the following:

1. In any civil action, of whatever nature or remedy, wherein judges of county courts have jurisdiction;
2. In any action or proceeding at law for the recovery of money. Or personal property of which the Court of Common Pleas has jurisdiction;

3. In any action at law based on contract, including the determination, preservation and enforcement of all rights. Legal and equitable, pertaining to the contract, a decree of accounting, reformation or cancellation of the contract, and the determination of all remedies necessary or proper for a complete determination of the rights of the parties to the contract;
4. In any action or proceeding for the sale of personal property under chattel mortgage, lien, encumbrance or other charge, for the foreclosure and marshalling of all liens thereon and the rendering of personal judgement therein;
5. In any action or proceeding to enforce the collection of its own judgements (or judgements rendered by any court within the territory to which such municipal corporation has succeeded) and subject to the interest of a judgement debtor in personal property to satisfy judgements enforceable by the municipal court;
6. In any action or proceeding of the nature of interpleader (i.e. an action by which a person may, for his own protection who has money or goods claimed by two or more other persons may, for his own protection, ask that the claimants be required to litigate their title between themselves);
7. In any action of replevin (i.e. an action to regain possession of specific personal property alleged to have been unlawfully taken or detained);
8. In any action of forcible entry and detainer (i.e., an action to recover real property, such as an eviction action); and
9. In any action concerning the issuance and enforcement of temporary protection orders pursuant to §2919.26. (Pertaining to domestic violence).

JURISDICTIONAL POWERS

When a municipal court has monetary and subject matter jurisdiction, it also has the jurisdiction, within the limits of the county or counties in which its territory is situated, to do all of the following:

1. To compel the attendance of witnesses in any pending action or proceeding in the same manner as a court of common pleas;
2. To issue executions on its judgements;
3. To enforce collection of its own judgements;
4. To issue and enforce any order of attachment; and
5. To issue and enforce temporary protection orders pursuant to ORC §2919.26. (These are orders made in cases of domestic violence)

In addition to the above powers, municipal courts obtain jurisdiction, subject to monetary limitations I the following two (2) situations:

1. In any civil action or proceeding at law in which the subject matter is located within its territory, or where the Defendant, or one of the Defendants, resides or is served with summons within the territory; and
2. In any action or proceeding pertaining to creditor's bills, and in the aid of execution to subject the interest of a judgement debtor in any personal property to the payment of a judgment of the court.

(Note: The Cleveland Municipal Court also has such jurisdiction with respect to real property including the power to marshall and foreclose liens on real property, irrespective of amount. As to Municipal Courts this power to foreclose on real property where the amount claimed is greater than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is exclusive to Cleveland Municipal Court. In all other territories, it may be done only by a court of common pleas.

ADDITIONAL JURSDICTIONAL POWERS

In addition t the general powers listed above, Municipal Courts are granted, by statute, certain other powers in order to give effect to their jurisdiction. Thus when a municipal court otherwise has jurisdiction, the court or any judge of the court has the following incidental powers:

1. To issue process, preserve order, punish contempt's, summon and impanel jurors, refer matters to a referee, set aside verdicts, grant new trials or motions in arrest of judgement, vacate or modify a judgement, suspend execution of a sentence upon filing of notice of appeal, set and grant bail, fix bonds and approve sureties, inquire into the financial responsibilities of sureties on all bonds in both powers as are necessary to give effect to the jurisdiction of the court and to enforce its judgements, orders and decrees.
2. To issue and necessary orders in any proceeding before a nd after judgement, for the attachment of person or property, arrest, aid of execution, trial of the right of property, reviver of judgement, and appointment of a receiver of personal property, for which authority is conferred upon the courts of common pleas;
3. To hear and determine questions of exemptions upon application or action of any party to a pending cause; and
4. To control and distribute all property or proceeds levied upon or seized by any legal process issuing from the court, which may come into the hands of its officers and to order immediate sale hands of an officer of the court upon any process issuing from the court.

APPORTIONMENT OF OPERATING COSTS §1901.02.6

As a general rule, it may be stated that the current operating expenses of a municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction that extends beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which the court is located, are apportioned among all of the municipal corporations that are within the territory of the court. (Exceptions: Auglaize County, Crawford County, Hamilton County, Hocking County, Jackson County, Lawrence County, Madison County, Miami County, Portage County and Wayne County Municipal Courts. The operating costs of these courts are paid by the respective counties. This general rule is subject to the following terms and statutory provisions:

1. Each municipal corporation within the territory of the municipal court is assigned a proportionate share of the operating costs of the court that is equal to the percentage of the total criminal and civil caseload of the court that arose in that municipal corporation.
2. A municipal corporation is not required to pay that part of its proportionate share of operating costs that exceeds the total amount of costs, fees, fines, bail or other moneys that was disbursed by the clerk to the municipal corporation for the accounting period.
3. The auditors or chief fiscal officers of each of the municipal corporations within the territory of the court for which the operating costs are apportioned must meet not less than once each six (6) months at the office of the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is located. The purpose of these meetings is to determine the proportionate share due from each municipal corporation in which the court is located. The purpose of these meetings is to determine the proportionate share due from each municipal corporation and to adjust accounts as necessary. The meetings are held at the direction of the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is located, and he presides at the meetings.
4. A municipal corporation's share is payable from the general fund or from such other funds as are designated or apportioned for each payment.
5. The municipal corporation in which the court is located is liable, in addition to its proportionate share, for any part of the share, for any part of the share, for any part of the share of another municipal corporation that is not required to pay pursuant to subparagraph (2), above.
6. The Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the municipal court is located has jurisdiction over any civil action that is commenced to resolve disputes.
7. Definitions:

- (a) “Criminal and civil caseload” is the total number of criminal cases filed in the court during the preceding calendar year that arose out of the offenses that occurred in the municipal corporation and the total number of civil cases filed in the court during the preceding calendar year in which the address of the majority of the defendants with addresses within municipal corporations within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, as designated in the caption case. (If there is no majority, the address of the first defendant listed in the caption is used.)
- (b) “Operating costs” means the figure that is derived by subtracting the total of all costs that are collected by the clerk and that are paid to the city treasury, and all interest received in relation to the costs, from the total of the amounts payable from the city treasury for the operation of the court pursuant to §1901.10, §1901.11, §1901.12, §1901.31, §1901.311, §1901.32, §1901.33, §1901.36, and §1901.37. (Amounts payable from the city treasury involving construction, capital improvements, rent or the provision of heat and, light are not to be computed.)

CLERK §1901.31

ELECTION/APPOINTMENT

Whether the clerk of a particular municipal court is elected or appointed depends on the population of the court’s territory.

If the population of a municipal court’s territory is more than one hundred thousand (100,000) at the last regular municipal election, which preceded the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk is nominated and elected in the same manner as a municipal court judge. (Exceptions: In Hamilton, Portage, and Wayne Counties, the clerk of the court of common pleas court also serves as the clerk of the respective municipal courts. Additionally, the Medina Municipal Court Clerk is appointed by statute, and does not apply)

If the population of a municipal court’s territory is less than one hundred thousand (100,000) the clerk is appointed by the court. (Exceptions: In the Alliance, Lorain and Massillon Municipal Courts, the clerk is elected. In Auglaize County the Clerk of Courts also serves as the Clerk of the Municipal Court.)

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected clerks hold office for a term of (6) six years. Appointed clerks serve at the pleasure of the court. (Note: The above rules do not apply in Auglaize, Hamilton, Portage and Wayne Counties, where the Clerks of Court also serve as the Clerks of the Respective Municipal Courts.)

COMPENSATION

In territory having a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) or more, the clerk's salary is determined by the legislative authority.

In territories having a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) or more, the clerks receive a sum equal to eighty-five per cent (85%) of the salary of a municipal court judge.

The following are statutory exceptions to the above rules of compensation:

1. In Auglaize County, the Clerk of Courts, acting as Clerk of the Municipal Court receives an annual salary of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00).
2. In Portage and Wayne Counties, the Clerk of Courts, acting as clerks of the respective Municipal Courts, receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00).
3. In Hamilton County, the Clerk of Courts, acting as Clerk of the Municipal Court, is compensated at one-fourth (1/4) the rate that is prescribed for a Clerk of Common Pleas Court.

VACANCY

When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Clerk (either because the clerk ceased to hold the office before the end of his term or because a clerk-elect fails to take office) in a territory where the population exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000), the vacancy is filled temporarily by a person selected by members of the County Central Committee. Only committee members who are residents of the municipal court district are involved in the selection. The committee must meet to make the appointment not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs. At least four (4) days before the meeting, the chairman or secretary of the committee must notify the members of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting. At the meeting, a majority of all eligible committee members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of the quorum is required to make the appointment.

If the committee fails to follow the above procedure, or if the clerk who vacated the office (or the clerk-elect who failed to take office) was not nominated by a primary election, the appointment is made by the municipal court.

(Note: Appointment in this manner does not apply in Hamilton County, Portage County, and Wayne County Municipal Courts, where the Clerks of Court also serve As Clerks of the respective Municipal Courts.

The appointment is, of course, only temporary. A successor clerk is elected for the unexpired term at the first municipal election that is held more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the vacancy occurs.

When a vacancy occurs in a territory where the population is less than one hundred thousand (100,000). The above process of appointment is unnecessary – the Court simply appoints a successor clerk.

Whenever a clerk is only temporarily absent (e.g. Vacation, illness), the court may appoint a temporary clerk during the clerk's absence.

The temporary clerk is paid the same compensation and has the same powers and duties as the clerk.

DECREASE IN TERRITORIAL POPULATION

Many of the statutory provisions pertaining to the office of the municipal court clerk depend upon whether the population of the territory is greater or less than one hundred thousand (100,000). To prevent confusion and disruption in the administration of the office caused by a fall in population from more than one hundred thousand (100,000) to less than that number, the following statutory provision was enacted: for the purposes of all provisions of §1901.31 "Clerk of Municipal Court", whenever the population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one hundred thousand (100,000) but not below ninety thousand (90,000), and the population of the territory prior to the most recent regular federal census exceeded one hundred thousand (100,000) the legislative authority of the municipal corporation may, by resolution, declare that the territory shall be considered to have a population of at least one hundred thousand (100,000). Thus, so long as the population of a municipal court's territory does not fall below ninety thousand (90,000), the legislative authority may, at its option, allow the court to continue operating as though the population exceeded one hundred thousand (100,000).

MAYORS COURT

The jurisdiction of a mayor's court is governed by RC 1905. A mayor presiding over a mayor's court is required to attend training as mandated by the State of Ohio's on an annual basis. Educational requirements are necessary for mayors hearing general offenses while additional education is required for mayors that preside over OMVI cases. A mayor is prevented from presiding over any OMVI case other than a first offense.

The mayor of a municipality that is not the site of a municipal court has certain judicial powers within municipality. He may hear and determine cases involving violations of municipal ordinances and all traffic violations within the municipality, unless the violation is to be handled by a parking violation bureau. The mayor also has jurisdiction in all criminal cases involving moving violations occurring on state highways located within the boundaries of the municipal corporation, subject to the limitations of sections 2937.08 and 2938.04 of the Revised Code.

A mayor of a village has jurisdiction to hear and determine all prosecutions of ordinances where the defendants are not entitled to a trial by jury; and to hear and

determine prosecutions for violations of ordinances where the defendants are entitled to trial by jury if, before the commencement of a trial, a waiver in writing, subscribed by the accused, is filed in the case, following the procedure prescribed in RC Ch. 2938, but where the accused does not waive such right, the mayor is required to certify the case to a court of record.

APPEALS

Within ten days from the mayor's judgment a notice of appeal to the municipal or county court may be filed. The case will proceed as a new trial when it reaches the municipal or county court.

CLERK

Mayor's court clerk's are appointed by the mayor of the municipality and have no set term of office.

Typical duties and responsibilities include:

- Develop and recommend policies and procedures for efficient administration of the Mayor's court.

- Responsible for all court records, receipts, posting and filing of all matters pertaining to Mayor's court as required by statute. Neither the clerk of the mayor's court, nor his deputy, shall be concerned as counsel or agent in the prosecution or defense of any case before such court.

APPENDIX

ESTABLISHMENT AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF OHIO'S MUNICIPAL COURTS

Municipal Court name Where originally established	TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION <i>refer to court directory for current Address, fax and e-mail information</i>
Akron Municipal Court Akron	Bath Township Northampton Township Richfield Township Fairlawn Lakemore Mogadore (only that portion within Summit Co)
Alliance Municipal Court Alliance	Lexington Township Marlboro Township Paris Township Washington Township
Ashland Municipal Court Ashland	Ashland County
Ashtabula County Municipal Court Ashtabula	Ashtabula Township Plymouth Township Saybrook Township
Athens County Municipal Court Athens	Athens County
Auglaize County Municipal Court Wapakoneta	Auglaize County
Avon Lake Municipal Court Avon	Avon Sheffield
Barberton Municipal Court Barberton	Copley Township Coventry Township Franklin Township Green Township Norton Township Clinton Norton
Bedford Municipal Court Bedford	Bedford Heights Oakwood

Glenwillow
Solon
Bentleyville
Chagrin Falls
Moreland Hills
Orange
Warrensville Heights
Chagrin Township

Bellefontaine Municipal Court
Bellefontaine

Logan County

Bellevue Municipal Court
Bellevue

Bellevue
Bellevue Township (in Huron County)
Lynne Township
Sherman Township
Bellevue Township (in Sandusky County)
York Township (in Sandusky County)

Berea Municipal Court
Berea

Strongsville
Middleburg Heights
Brook Park
Westview
Olmsted Falls
Olmsted Township

Bowling Green Municipal Court
Bowling Green

Bairdstown
Bloom Township
Bloomdale
Bradner
Center Township
Custar
Cygnet
Freedom Township
Grand Rapids
Haskins
Hoytville
Jerry City
Milton Center
North Baltimore
Pemberville
Portage
Rising Sun
Tontogany
Wayne
Weston
Grand Rapids Township
Henry Township

Bowling Green cont.

	Jackson Township Liberty Township Middleton Township Milton Township Montgomery Township Plain Township Portage Township Washington Township Webster Township Weston Township (all in Wood County)
Bryan Municipal Court Bryan	Williams County
Cambridge Municipal Court Cambridge	Guernsey County
Campbell Municipal Court Campbell	Coltsville Township
Canton Municipal Court Canton	Canton Township Lake Township McKinley Township Nimishillen Township Osnaburg Township Pike Township Plain Township Sandy Township (all in Stark County)
Celina Municipal Court Celina	Mercer
Champaign County Municipal Court Urbana	Champaign County
Chardon Municipal Court Chardon	Geauga County
Chillicothe Municipal Court Chillicothe	Ross County
Circleville Municipal Court Circleville	Pickaway County
Clark County Municipal Court Springfield	Clark County

Clermont County Municipal Court
Batavia

Clermont county

Cleveland Municipal Court
Cleveland

Bratenahl

Clinton County Municipal Court
Wilmington

Clinton County

Conneaut Municipal Court
Conneaut

Lakeville

Coshocton Municipal Court
Coshocton

Coshocton County

Crawford County Municipal Court
Bucyrus

Crawford County

Crawford County Municipal Court (Eastern)

Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court
Cuyahoga Falls

Boston Township
Hudson Township
Macedonia Township
Northfield Center Township
Sagamore Hills Township
Twinsburg Township
Boston Heights
Hudson
Munroe Falls
Northfield
Peninsula
Reminderville
Silver Lake
Stow
Tallmadge
Twinsburg

Dayton Municipal Court
Dayton

Dayton

Defiance Municipal Court
Defiance

Defiance County

Delaware Municipal Court
Delaware

Delaware County

East Cleveland Municipal Court
East Cleveland

East Cleveland

East Liverpool Municipal Court
East Liverpool

St. Clair Township

Eaton Municipal Court
Eaton

Preble County

Elyria Municipal Court
Elyria

Grafton
LaGrange
North Ridgeville
Elyria Township
Carlisle Township
Eaton Township
Grafton Township
Ridgeville Township

Euclid Municipal Court
Euclid

Euclid

Fairborn Municipal Court
Fairborn

Bath Township
Beavercreek Township

Fairfield County Municipal Court
Lancaster

Fairfield County

Fairfield Municipal Court
Fairfield

Fairfield

Findlay Municipal Court
Findlay

Hancock County
(except Washington Township)

Fostoria Municipal Court
Fostoria

Laudon Township
(Seneca County)
Jackson Township
(Seneca County)
Washington Township
(Hancock County)
Perry Township (Wood Co.)

Franklin County Municipal Court
Columbus

Franklin County

Franklin Municipal County
Franklin

Franklin Township

Fremont Municipal Court
Fremont

Ballville Township
Sandusky Township

Gallipolis Municipal Court
Gallipolis

Gallia County

Garfield Heights Municipal Court
Garfield Heights

Maple Heights
Walton Hills
Valley View
Cuyahoga Heights
Newburgh Heights
Independence
Brecksville

Girard Municipal Court
Girard

Liberty Township
Vienna Township

Hamilton County Municipal Court Cincinnati
Cincinnati

Hamilton County

Hardin County Municipal Court
Kenton

Pleasant Township
Buick Township
Goshen Township
Dudley Township
Hale Township
Taylor Creek Township
Lynn Township
McDonald Township
Cessna Township
Blanchard Township
Jackson Township
(all in Hardin County)

Hillsboro Municipal Court
Hillsboro

Highland County
(except Madison Township)

Hocking County Municipal Court
Logan

Hocking County

Huron Municipal Court Huron
Huron

Huron Township (in Erie County,
except within the municipal
corporation of Sandusky)

Ironton Municipal Court
Ironton

Decatur Township
Elizabeth Township
Hamilton Township
Lawrence Township
Upper Township
Washington Township
(all in Lawrence County)

Jackson County Municipal Court
Jackson

Jackson County

Kettering Municipal Court

Moraine Village

Kettering

Centerville
Washington Township
(all in Montgomery County)

Lakewood Municipal Court
Lakewood

Lakewood

Lawrence County Municipal Court
Chesapeake

Aid Township
Fayette Township
Mason Township
Perry Township
Rome Township
Symmes Township
Union Township
Windsor Township

Lebanon Municipal Court
Lebanon

Turtlecreek Township

Licking County Municipal Court
Newark

Licking County

Lima Municipal Court
Lima

Allen County

Loraine Municipal Court
Loraine

Sheffield Lake
Black River Township
Sheffield Township

Lyndhurst Municipal Court
Lyndhurst

Mayfield Heights
Gates Mills
Mayfield
Highland Heights
Richmond Heights

Madison County Municipal
London

Madison County

Mansfield Municipal Court
Mansfield

Madison Township
Springfield Township
Sandusky Township
Franklin Township
Weller Township
Mifflin Township
Troy Township
Washington Township
Monroe Township
Perry Township
Jefferson Township

Marietta Municipal Court
Marietta

Worthington Township
Butler Township, Sections 35,
36, 31 and 32 (all in
Richland County)

Washington County

Marion Municipal Court
Marion

Marion County

Marysville Municipal Court
Marysville

Union County

Mason Municipal Court
Mason

Deerfield Township

Massillon Municipal Court
Massillon

Bethlehem Township
Massillon Township
Perry Township
Sugar Creek Township
Tuscarawas Township
Lawrence Township
Jackson Township

Maumee Municipal Court
Maumee

Waterville
Whitehouse
Waterville Township
Providence Township
Springfield Township*
Monclova Township*
Swanton Township*
*(only those portions of
these townships lying south
of the northerly boundary line
of the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas
County)

Medina Municipal Court
Medina

Briarwood Beach
Brunswick
Chippewa-on-the-Lake
Spencer
Brunswick Township
Chatham Township
Granger Township
Hinckley Township
Lafayette Township
Litchfield Township
Liverpool Township
Medina Township
Montville Township

Mentor Municipal Court

Mentor

Miami County Municipal Court

Troy

Miamisburg Municipal Court

Miamisburg

Middletown Municipal Court

Middletown

Mount Vernon Municipal Court

Mount Vernon

Napoleon Municipal Court

Napoleon

New Philadelphia Municipal Court

New Philadelphia

Newton Falls Municipal Court

Newton Falls

Spencer Township

York Township

Mentor-on-the-lake

Bradford

Miami County

Germantown

West Carrollton

German Township

Miami township

Madison Township

Lemon Township

(except the portion within the
municipal corporation of Monroe)

Knox County

Henry County

Dover

Auburn Township

Bucks Township

Fairfield Township

Goshen Township

Jefferson Township

Warren Township

York Township

Dover Township

Franklin Township

Lawrence Township

Sandy Township

Sugarcreek Township

Wayne Township

(all in Tuscarawas County)

Bristol Township

Bloomfield Township

Lordstown Township

Newton Township

Beareville Township

Southington Township

Farmington Township

Mesopotamia Township

(all in Trumbull County)

Niles Municipal Court
Niles

McDonald
Weathersfield Township

Norwalk Municipal Court
Norwalk

Huron County
(except Bellevue, Lyme & and
Sherman Townships)

Oakwood Municipal Court
Dayton

Oakwood

Oberlin Municipal Court
Oberlin

Amherst
South Amherst
Rochester
Kipton
Wellington
Amherst Township
Henrietta Township
Russia Township
Wellington Township
Penfield Township
Huntington Township
(all in Lorain County)

Oregon Municipal Court
Oregon

Harbor View
Jerusalem Township
Maumee Bay and Lake Erie

(north within them to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the easterly boundary of the Court and the easterly boundary of the Toledo Municipal Court)

Painesville Municipal Court
Painesville

Painesville Township
Perry Township
Leroy Township
Concord Township
Madison Township

Parma Municipal Court
Parma

Parma Heights
Brooklyn

Linndale
North Royalton
Broadview Heights
Seven Hills
Brooklyn Heights

Perrysburg Municipal Court
Perrysburg

Rossford
Walbridge
Millbury
Northwood

	Luckey Perrysburg Township Ross Township Lake Township Troy Township
Ottawa County Municipal Court, fka Port Clinton Port Clinton	Ottawa County
Portage County Municipal Court Ravenna	Portage County Kent
Portsmouth Municipal Court Portsmouth	Sciota County
Rocky River Municipal Court Rocky River	Bay Village Westlake Fairview Park North Olmsted Riverridge Township
Sandusky Municipal Court Sandusky	Castalia Bay View Perkins Township
Shaker Heights Municipal Court Shaker Heights	University Heights Beachwood Pepper Pike Hunting Valley
Shelby Municipal Court Shelby	Sharon Township Jackson Township Cass Township Plymouth Township Blooming Grove Township Butler Township
(except sections 35, 36, 31, and 32 of Butler Township in Richland County)	
Sidney Municipal Court Sidney	Shelby County
South Euclid Municipal Court South Euclid	South Euclid
Steubenville Municipal Court Steubenville	Steubenville
Struthers Municipal Court Struthers	Lowellville Poland New Middletown

Sylvania Municipal Court
Sylvania

Poland Township
Springfield Township

Berkey
Holland
Sylvania Township
Richfield Township
Spencer Township
Harding Township
Swanton Township*
Monclova Township*
Springfield Township*

*(only those portions lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County)

Tiffin Municipal Court
Tiffin

Adams Township
Big Spring Township
Bloom Township
Clinton Township
Eden Township
Hopewell Township
Liberty Township
Pleasant Township
Reed Township
Scipio Township
Seneca Township
Thompson Township
Tiffin Township
Venice Township
(all in Lucas County)

Toledo Municipal Court
Toledo

Adams Township
Ottawa Hills Township
Washington Township
Ottawa Hills
(all in Lucas County)

Upper Sandusky Municipal
Upper Sandusky

Wyandot County

Vandalia Municipal Court
Vandalia

Clayton
Englewood
Union
Butler Township
Harrison Township
Randolph Township

VanWert Municipal Court
VanWert

VanWert County

Vermilion Municipal Court
Vermillion

Vermilion Township

Wadsworth Municipal Court
Wadsworth

Gloria Glens Park
Lodi
Seville
Westfield Center
Guilford Township
Harrisville Township
Homer Township
Sharon Township
Wadsworth Township
Westfield Township

Warren Municipal Court
Warren

City of Warren Warren
Warren Township
Champion Township
Howland Township

Washington Court House Municipal Court
Washington Court House

Fayette County

Wayne County Municipal Court
Wooster

Wayne County

Willoughby Municipal Court
Willoughby

Eastlake
Wickliffe
Willowick
Willoughby Hills
Kirtland
Kirtland Hills
Waite Hill
Timberlake
Lakeline
Kirtland Township

Xenia Municipal Court
Xenia

Casearcreek Township
Cedarville Township
Jefferson Township
Miami Township
New Jasper Township
Ross Township
Silvercreek Township
Spring Valley Township
Sugar Creek Township
Xenia
(all in Greene County)

Youngstown Municipal Court
Youngstown

Youngstown

Zanesville Municipal Court
Zanesville

Zanesville

1. Jurisdiction within the territories here listed is in addition to jurisdiction within the municipal corporation in which the municipal court is located. Municipal courts always have jurisdiction within the corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations.

4. The newly-created Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court is styled "Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court." The division has the same territorial jurisdiction as the court of which it is a part.

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
WHERE ESTABLISHED

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF OHIO'S COUNTY COURTS

Adams County Court
Court House, Room 202
West Union, Ohio 45693
(513) 544-2011

Adams County

Ashtabula County Court
Eastern District
25 W. Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
(440) 576-3617 ext. 290

Ashtabula County, East

Ashtabula County Court
Western District
185 Water Street
Geneva, Ohio 44041
(440) 466-1184

Ashtabula County, West

Belmont County Court
Eastern District
400 West 26 Street
Bellaire, Ohio 43906
(614) 676-4490

Belmont County, East

Belmont County Court
Northern District
101 South 4th Street
Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935
(614) 633-3147

Belmont County, North

Belmont County Court
Western District
147 West Main Street
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
(614) 695-2875

Belmont County, West

Brown County Court
770 Mt. Orab Pike
Georgetown, Ohio 45121
(937) 378-6358

Brown County

Butler County Court
130 High Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
(513) 887-3462
101 E. High Street

Butler County, Areas 1, 2, and 3

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
WHERE ESTABLISHED

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Oxford, Ohio 45056
(513) 523-4748
9113 Cinci-Dayton
Westchester, Ohio 45069
(513) 867-5070

Carroll County Court
Public Square
Courthouse, 3rd floor
Carrollton, Ohio 44615
(330) 627-5049

Carroll County

Columbiana County Court
Eastern District
31 North Market Street
East Palestine, Ohio 44413
(330) 426-3774

Columbiana County, East

Columbiana County Court
Northwest District
130 Penn Avenue
Salem, Ohio 44460
(330) 332-0297

Columbiana County, Northwest

Columbiana County Court
Southwest District
105 S. Market Street, P.O. Box 349
Lisbon, Ohio 44432
(330) 424-7777

Columbiana County, Southwest

Darke County Court
3rd Floor Court House
Greenville, Ohio 45331
(937) 547-7340

Darke County
Northeast and Southwest Districts

Erie County Court
150 W. Mason Road, P.O. Box 106
Milan, Ohio 44846
(419) 499-4689

Erie County

Fulton County Court
Eastern District
105 South Munion Street
Swanton, Ohio 43558
(419) 826-0767

Fulton County, East

Fulton County Court
Western District
224 S. Fulton Street
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Fulton County, West

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
WHERE ESTABLISHED

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

(419) 337-9212

Harrison County Court
Courthouse, 100n Market Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
(614) 942-8865

Harrison County

Highland County Court
P.O. Box 378
Greenfield, Ohio 45123
(513) 981-2139

Highland County

Holmes County Court
1 East Jackson Street, Suite 101
Millersburg, Ohio 44654
(330) 674-4901

Holmes County

Jefferson County Court
1007 Franklin Avenue
Toronto, Ohio 43964
(614) 537-2020

Jefferson County, #1

Jefferson County Court
P.O. Box 2207
Wintersville, Ohio 43952
(614) 264-7644

Jefferson County, #2

Jefferson County Court
P.O. Box 495
Corner Main and Liberty Streets
Dillonvale, Ohio 43917
(614) 769-2903

Jefferson County, #3

Mahoning County Court
127 Boardman-Canfield Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44512
(330) 726-5546

Mahoning County, #2

Mahoning County Court
6000 Mahoning Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44515
(330) 740-2001

Mahoning County, #4

Mahoning County Court
72 North Broad Street
Canfield, Ohio 44406
(330) 533-3643

Mahoning County, #5

Meigs County Court
Court House, 2nd Street

Meigs County

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
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TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
(614) 992-2279

Monroe County Court
101 N. Main Street, Rm. 35
P.O. Box 574
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793
(614) 472-5181

Monroe County

Montgomery County Court
3100 Shiloh Springs Road
Trotwood, Ohio 45426-2699
(937) 496-7231

Montgomery County, #1

Montgomery County Court
85 Woodman Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45431
(937) 225-5499

Montgomery County, #2

Morgan County Court
37 East Main
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
(614) 962-4031

Morgan County

Morrow County Court
48 East High Street
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338
(419) 947-5045

Morrow County

Muskingum County Court
27 North Fifth Street, Room 216
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(614) 455-7138

Muskingum

Noble County Court
1st Floor Courthouse #100
Caldwell, Ohio 43724
(614) 732-5795

Noble County

Paulding County Court
103 B. East Perry Street
Paulding, Ohio 45879
(419) 399-8235

Paulding County

Perry County Court
P.O. Box 207, 105 North Main Street
New Lexington, Ohio 43764
(614) 342-3156

Perry County

Pike County Court

Pike County

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
WHERE ESTABLISHED

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

102 South Market Street
Waverly, Ohio 45690
(614) 947-4003

Sandusky County Court
100 North Park Avenue
Fremont, Ohio 43420
(419) 547-0915

Sandusky County

Sandusky County Court
123 W. Buckeye Street
Clyde, Ohio 43410
(419) 547-0915

Sandusky County, #1

Sandusky County Court
128 East Main Street
Woodville, Ohio 43469
(419) 849-3961

Sandusky County, #2

Trumbull County Court
4747 State Route 5
Cortland, Ohio 44410
(330) 637-5023

Trumbull County, Central

Trumbull County Court
7672 Warren-Sharon Road
Brookfield, Ohio 44403
(330) 448-1726

Trumbull County, East

Tuscarawas County Court
220 East 3rd Street
Uhrichsville, Ohio 44863
(614) 922-4795

Tuscarawas County

Vinton County Court
Court House, P.O. Box 486
McArthur, Ohio 45651
(614) 596-5000

Vinton County

Warren County Court
550 Justice Drive
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
(513) 933-1370

Warren County