
PART ONE — ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ARTICLE 171 Municipal Court

- 171.01 Established.**
171.02 Contempt of Municipal Court.

CROSS REFERENCES

Establishment – see WV Code 8-10-2
General rights of appeal – see WV Code 8-24-1
Cost for crime victims reparation fund – see WV Code 14-2A-4
Cost for funding law enforcement training academies – see WV Code 30-29-4

171.01 Established.

As of the enactment date of this section the entire judicial authority granted to the Mayor of Harpers Ferry by the laws of West Virginia, and in particular by Section One of Article Ten of Chapter Eight as amended, shall be exercised by the Municipal Court of Harpers Ferry in accordance with the provisions set forth as follows:

- (a) Council shall appoint by resolution and shall fix the compensation in like manner, in accordance with whatever terms and conditions are considered necessary, one or more persons to sit as Judge(s) of the Municipal Court.
- (b) Any person so appointed shall serve as Judge at the pleasure of Council or until such person shall resign.
- (c) Any person so appointed as Judge shall have the same jurisdiction and judicial powers as that granted to the Mayor of Harpers Ferry by the laws of West Virginia, in particular by Section One of Article Ten of Chapter Eight of the West Virginia Code as amended.
- (d) Pursuant to WV Code 8-10-2 and 8-12-2(a)(11), the Municipal Court shall assess a court cost of \$50.00 in addition to all other fines levied for any infraction or conviction.
- (e) The Municipal Court shall convene for the purpose of hearing cases brought by the Corporation of Harpers Ferry at least once per month, and as often as required additionally for providing prompt judicial remedies and speedy trial. ^[171.01]

171.02 Contempt of Municipal Court.

If any person by threats, force or otherwise, intimidates or impedes, or attempts to intimidate or impede the judge of the Municipal Court, or any witness in the discharge of his duty as such, or by any means obstructs or impedes, or attempts to obstruct or impede, the administration of justice in the Court, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, may be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). ^[171.02]

HISTORY:

- 171.01 Ordinance 2017-02 (passed 08 May 2017) abolished the Police Court Fund. Previous versions: Ordinance 2013-11 (passed 11 November 2013), Ordinance 96-1 (passed 11 March 1996), Ordinance 80-3 (passed 16 June 1980).
- 171.02 Ordinance 2013-11 (passed 11 November 2013). Previous versions: Ordinance 96-1 (passed 11 March 1996), Ordinance 80-3 (passed 16 June 1980).