



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to authorize the city manager to take the necessary steps to establish a stand-alone municipal court. Discussion and Action.

With direction from Council staff explored the benefits of establishing a stand-alone municipal court.

Currently the City of Maricopa court is co-located/shared with the Pinal County Justice Court. The Justice of the Peace is the presiding judge over both courts and also serves as the City Magistrate. Maricopa is the only city in the county that does not have a stand-alone municipal court.

A dedicated municipal court can ensure increased efficiency and effectiveness with a City Council appointed Municipal Judge who can dedicate their time and expertise to compliance with city ordinances and codes. Our growth and present needs mandate this action and will better serve the municipal need.

The program will be developed and future court space constructed without debt or tax increases. If approved, staff will work to establish the dedicated court by the first quarter of 2023 calendar year.

This item will be presented by Jennifer Brown, Assistant City Manager.

Staff recommends Council authorize the city manager take the necessary steps to establish a stand-alone municipal court.