

MAGISTERIAL COURT

Magistrates have criminal trial jurisdiction over all offenses that are subject to penalty or fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days. Magistrates have civil jurisdiction in matters not exceeding \$7,500 and landlord/tenant disputes of any amount. Magistrates are responsible for hearing transfer court cases, setting bail, conducting preliminary hearings, and issuing arrest and search warrants.

DEPT NUMBER: 1-9265	MAGISTERIAL COURT					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 ACTUAL	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	FY 2011/12 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 12 - 11
General Fund	2,461,508	2,452,743	2,425,430	2,506,404	2,440,294	(66,110)
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	2,332,653	2,370,538	2,362,613	2,443,104	2,390,926	(52,178)
Operating Expenditures	97,955	77,065	62,817	63,300	49,368	(13,932)
Capital Outlay	30,900	5,140	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$2,461,508	\$2,452,743	\$2,425,430	\$2,506,404	\$2,440,294	(\$66,110)
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	49	49	49	49	49	0

FY 2011/12 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- Personnel Services increase due to the SC Retirement System employer contribution rate increase. Overall personnel services decrease as the result of 1 frozen position, a Magistrate Court Coordinator. In addition, the Night/Traffic Magistrates line item was reduced by \$15,310.
- Funding was combined from 2 part-time Court Clerk positions to fund 1 full-time Court Clerk position.
- Operating Expenses decrease from FY 2010/11 levels with the across the board reductions to Office Supplies, Uniforms, Mileage, and Professional Development/Training.

Objectives:

- Dispense justice fairly and equitably
- Obey the judicial code as required by law
- Serve the citizens of Spartanburg County

Function or Division	Description	Percent of Budget
Traffic Court	Adjudicate all traffic offenses and some of the criminal charges on tickets	25%
Criminal Court	Adjudicate criminal charges which carry a fine of \$500 or 30 days in jail	25%
Civil Court	Evictions, Summons and Complaints and any Civil matters with jurisdiction up to \$7,500	25%
Bond Court	Set a fair bond on all persons within 24 hours of arrest and issue warrants as needed	25%