

Municipal Court

6 Year Term

Municipal court judges in Nevada have limited jurisdiction focused on local ordinances and minor offenses within city limits. Here's what they handle:

Municipal Ordinance Violations Municipal courts primarily enforce violations of city or town ordinances, such as building code violations, noise ordinances, animal control violations, and other local regulations.

Misdemeanor Offenses They can handle misdemeanor criminal cases that occur within city limits, though this jurisdiction often overlaps with justice courts depending on local arrangements.

Traffic Violations Municipal courts handle traffic citations and parking violations that occur within the municipality.

Small Claims and Civil Matters Some municipal courts have limited civil jurisdiction like justice courts, though this varies by municipality.

Important Distinction Not all cities in Nevada have municipal courts. Many smaller municipalities don't establish their own courts and instead rely on the justice courts in their area to handle ordinance violations and other matters. Larger cities like Las Vegas, Reno, Henderson, and North Las Vegas have established municipal courts.

Geographic Limitation Municipal court jurisdiction is strictly limited to offenses occurring within the city or town boundaries that established the court.

Appeals Decisions from municipal courts can be appealed to the district court.

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