



**PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER 2025-01
COURT SENTENCING AUTHORITY**

12/29/2025

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court, and in accordance with the Colorado Supreme Court's decision in Supreme Court Case No. 24SA276, the Court hereby issues the following order regarding sentencing limits in municipal ordinance cases.

FINDINGS AND AUTHORITY

1. The Colorado Supreme Court, in Case No. 24SA276, clarified and reaffirmed the limitations on municipal sentencing authority where municipal ordinance violations are comparable to state misdemeanor or petty offense classifications.
2. The Municipal Court has jurisdiction to impose sentences for violations of municipal ordinances as authorized by law, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Maximum Municipal Sentence.

For violations of municipal ordinances, the maximum sentence that may be imposed by this Court is up to 364 days in the county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$2,050, as authorized by law.

2. Limitation Based on Comparable State Offenses.

In no event shall any sentence imposed by this Court exceed the maximum sentence allowable under state law for a comparable state misdemeanor or petty offense, including any applicable limitations on incarceration, fines, or other penalties.

3. Application.

This order shall apply to all sentencing determinations in municipal ordinance cases, whether resolved by plea, trial, or other disposition, and shall be applied prospectively and to all cases pending sentencing as of the effective date of this order.

4. Consistency with State Law.

This Court shall construe and apply municipal sentencing authority in a manner consistent with the Colorado Constitution, applicable statutes, and binding precedent of the Colorado Supreme Court.

This Presiding Judge Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by further order of the Court or by operation of law.

So Ordered this 29th day of December, 2025

BY THE COURT:

Amy Bockman, Presiding Municipal Court Judge