

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 2006/07 ACTUAL	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 BUDGET	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 11 - 10
General Fund	2,293,139	2,461,508	2,452,743	2,476,261	2,539,716	63,455
EXPENDITURES						
Personnel Services Expenditures	2,204,286	2,332,653	2,370,538	2,421,161	2,476,416	55,255
Operating Expenditures	78,778	97,955	77,065	55,100	63,300	8,200
Capital Outlay	10,075	30,900	5,140	0	0	0
Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$2,293,139	\$2,461,508	\$2,452,743	\$2,476,261	\$2,539,716	\$63,455
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	46	49	49	49	49	0

FY 2010/11 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- Night/Traffic Magistrates line item was moved from the District Magistrates budget to this department where the charges are actually incurred. The total is \$52,310.
- New budgeted line items include bank charges for \$5,600.

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%