

# THE BRIEF



Information for Texas Municipalities about Texas Municipal Courts (June 2022)

## TMCEC C3 EXPOSITION & SHOWCASE: ORDINANCES

Part of the C3 (Councils, Courts, Cities) Initiative  
Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel & Convention Center  
July 7-8, 2022

### A TMCEC Event Like No Other

Texas municipalities may adopt ordinances to promote peace and order and that are necessary to carry out other powers granted by law to a municipality. This entails the authority to create and enforce a criminal ordinance punishable by the imposition of fines. For more than 122 years, municipal courts in Texas have had exclusive original jurisdiction of offenses created by criminal ordinances. However, until now there has never been a TMCEC event dedicated solely to the topic.

Join TMCEC at one of the finest hotels in Central Texas for this special 12-hour event, the first of its kind, that solely focuses on different aspects of the interplay between ordinances and municipal courts. Sessions include State Law and Criminal Ordinances: An Overview, Case Law Chronology: Criminal Ordinances, An Overview of Municipal Court Jurisdiction, From the Code Enforcement Perspective, The Role of International Codes in Ordinances, Nuisances: An Overview, Animal Control Issues, Ordinances and Sign Regulations, and Ethics. Judges seeking to complete their mandatory judicial education hours will be given enrollment priority. Participants may also attend to earn clerk certification hours or to obtain CLE.

### Councils, Courts, and Cities (C3)

This seminar is part of the C3 Initiative. C3 (Councils, Courts, and Cities) is a public information and education campaign created by TMCEC to help fill the information gaps between city halls and municipal courts in Texas. (Follow C3 on Twitter: @C3ofTexas.). The agenda for this event features a unique blend of presentation topics and some of TMCEC's highest rated presenters from different parts of the state. The registration fee for eligible TMCEC constituents (municipal judges and court personnel, including city prosecutors) has been reduced from \$100 to \$50 per person. Additionally, there is no housing fee for constituents. Attendees have the option of having CLE reported for \$100. TMCEC constituents may register online at [register.tmcec.com](http://register.tmcec.com).

Mayors, city council members, city officials and municipal employees may attend as a guest with a TMCEC constituent. Space is limited. Guest registration is \$112 with no lodging, \$222 with one night of lodging, or \$332 with two nights of lodging. Guests have the option of having CLE reported for \$100. Guests may not register online. Register by calling 800.252.3718. Questions? Contact us by email at [info@tmcec.com](mailto:info@tmcec.com).

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*The Brief* is a periodic briefing for Texas mayors, city council members, and other local officials highlighting issues and increasing awareness and understanding of municipal courts in the Lone Star State. *The Brief* is part of TMCEC's public information and education campaign, *Councils, Courts, and Cities* (C3). For more information about TMCEC, visit: [www.tmcec.com](http://www.tmcec.com). Follow C3 on Twitter: @C3ofTexas.

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