



PREFACE

This is the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's *2022 Forms Book*, Fifteenth Edition, with changes incorporated from the 87th Legislature. Several forms have changed due to statutory amendments, and multiple new forms have been created to ensure that municipal courts have most, if not all, of the forms necessary to efficiently and effectively process cases and serve the ends of justice. Look for the  icon on each chapter's table of contents to indicate forms that have been added and the  icon to indicate forms that have changed since the last edition. Some of the new forms include: Defendant's Ability to Make Bail Affidavit, Bail Condition Where Adult Is Alleged Victim, and an *Allen* Charge. Many forms have also been updated to include legislative amendments, including most forms relating to jail credit and Magistrate forms related to bail.

One major theme of the 87th Legislative Session was the reimagining of bail. These changes are a result of S.B. 6 (the Damon Allen Act), which addresses release practices surrounding habitual and violent offenders. The bill seeks to better protect the safety of victims, law enforcement officers, and communities. S.B. 6 allows defendants to receive individual assessments and increases data reporting to create a more transparent, accountable system.

Take a few moments to review each new form and determine whether it might be of benefit to your court. Note that the top of each form includes a heading containing our title for the form and its statutory basis. Editor's notes are located on some forms to highlight important changes or resources for further guidance. Your court may delete all this information for practical use. Italicized language is intended to direct and assist in filling in the form and may also be deleted. Remember that all papers issued out of the court (except for subpoenas) and all documents of the court that need authenticating should bear the municipal court's seal. Feel free to modify these forms to accommodate the needs of your court.

We are constantly revising the forms within this publication, and we greatly appreciate suggestions and examples from municipal courts across the state to help make this book as useful and accurate as possible. This book will be revised as needed and again in 2023 to reflect any changes made by the 88th Legislature and Texas courts. **Always check the online version of the Forms Book for the most current forms.**

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


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
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

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




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A.B.C.	Alcoholic Beverage Code
Art.	Article
C.C.P.	Code of Criminal Procedure
E.C.	Education Code
F.C.	Family Code
G.C.	Government Code
H.S.C.	Health and Safety Code
JNA	Juvenile Now Adult
No.	Number
P.C.	Penal Code
Sec.	Section
T.C.	Transportation Code
TMCEC	Texas Municipal Courts Education Center
VACS	Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes