

The City of Houston Municipal Court Homeless Court

**If you're homeless and working a rehabilitative program,
You can approach the court and appeal for justice.*



*Afraid to go to court?
Tired of being thrown in jail?
Worried about warrants?
Looking to resolve outstanding misdemeanor cases?*



WHO: Persons working a homeless rehabilitative program and have outstanding Class C misdemeanors, with the City of Houston Municipal Court.

WHAT: Homeless Court gives homeless persons the opportunity to rectify outstanding minor legal offenses without paying a fine or going to jail.

HOW: Homeless service agencies provide programs to participate in that address issues such as recovery, education, employment, healthcare and/ or housing. Upon successful participation in a program, a participant will be **referred through case management** to the Homeless Court; there the judge will determine if you have an outstanding case and if it is within the City of Houston's Municipal Court's jurisdiction. If both are true, the judge will then review the submitted proof of program participation and adjudicate the offense accordingly.

WHY: The philosophy of this program is rehabilitative rather than punitive – to give someone a chance to better themselves while at the same time resolving a criminal matter.

Things to Know:

This is a voluntary program.
Successful participation in an Agency Program is required.
Referrals must come from participating program thru case management.
No one goes into custody relating to the misdemeanor offense.
Only class C misdemeanors are eligible. (No parking or red light camera tickets)

**For a Complete List of Referral Agencies Call
the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County
(713) 739-7514**