

Johnson City Municipal Court

The Honorable **Stan Widener** Presiding
Susan Thompson, Court Clerk
(423)434-6160

Court is in session:

Monday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Specific court dates and times are printed on summons/citations at the time they are issued or served.

Municipal Court, sometimes called "City court," hears cases involving violations of municipal ordinances. Most often, citizens appear in this court for speeding tickets and other traffic violations. However, this court also hears codes violations such as loose animals, high grass, and other violations of City ordinances that seek to ensure the public safety and welfare. The municipal judge and the municipal court clerk are both appointed by the City's governing body.

General Sessions Court

Every county is served by this type of court of limited jurisdiction, which hears both civil and criminal cases. Civil jurisdiction is restricted to specific monetary limits and types of actions. Criminal jurisdiction is limited to preliminary hearings in felony cases and misdemeanor trials in which a defendant waives the right to a grand jury investigation and trial by jury in Circuit or Criminal Court.

Adults arrested or issued misdemeanor summons for crimes committed within the city limits of Johnson City are generally processed through one of three county detention facilities and the corresponding sessions court. Typical cases include: driving on suspended license, DUI, theft, assault, etc.

First appearance court dates and times are assigned at the time of arrest or summons issuance.

Location of Crime	Detention Facility Name	Corresponding Court
Johnson City within Washington County	Washington Co. Detention Center 114 W. Jackson Blvd. P.O. Box 0097 Jonesborough, TN 37659-0097 (423) 753-1701	Washington Co. Sessions Court George Jaynes Justice Center 108 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1210 Jonesborough, TN 37659 Phone (423) 788-1425 (State) (423) 788-1481 (Civil)
Johnson City within Carter County	Carter Co. Sheriff's Department 900 East Elk Avenue Elizabethton, TN 37643 (423) 542-1845	Carter County Session Court 900 East Elk Avenue Elizabethton, TN 37643 Phone: (423) 542-1858
Johnson City within Sullivan County	Sullivan County Jail 140 Blountville Bypass, Blountville, TN 37617 (423) 279-7509	Sullivan County Sessions Court 801 Anderson St. Bristol, TN 37621 (423) 989-4354

Juvenile Court information can be found here <http://www.johnsoncitytn.org/juvcourt>