



City of Denison

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### **City of Denison's Two-Week Amnesty Program Clears close to 100 Warrants**

Denison, Texas – October 1st through October 15th, the city's Municipal Court ran an amnesty program for those with outstanding warrants. During that short two-week period, we collected 403 canned food items and cleared 97 warrants.

"The Amnesty Program provided by the Municipal Court serves two purposes. It helps those with outstanding warrants reduce their fees in an effort to help resolve their outstanding matters with the court and it gives back to the community at the same time by providing some help to a local food bank. Of course, the Court always offers a safe harbor where those making a good faith effort to resolve their outstanding warrants will not be arrested. There are also non-monetary alternatives to disposition of court cases and we want people to know we are here to help them get through the process of getting their cases resolved," said City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, Christine Wallentine.

The amnesty program focuses on those with an active warrant in our city. It allowed citizens to bring in 10 canned food or other non-perishable items and receive \$50 off their total fines, or 20 canned food or other non-perishable items to receive \$100 off their total fines, with the total credit capping out at \$100.

The non-perishable goods will be donated to St. Luke's Pantry on Friday to help those in need. The city plans to run this program again in February and hopes to see an even bigger turnout. A special thanks to those who participated.

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Court at (903) 465-2720, Ext. 5004.###

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**About Denison** Founded in 1872, the City of Denison is located 40 minutes North of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in Grayson County. The city comprises a population of approximately 25,000. The city offers an exemplary school district, a vibrant historic district, a robust housing market, excellent quality of life amenities, and an expanding business climate. Denison is moving forward and kicking back. For more information, visit us at [www.cityofdenison.com](http://www.cityofdenison.com).