

Chapter 28

**PRISONERS<sup>1</sup>**

**Sec. 28-1. Turnkey fees.**

Whenever any person is committed to the workhouse for the purpose of working out a fine and costs, he shall pay, in addition to such costs, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) as turnkey fees. Such fees shall either be paid in cash or worked out as the fine and costs are worked out. (Code 1986, § 28-1)

**Sec. 28-2. Mittimus.**

The city judge shall issue a mittimus for any person whom he may send to the workhouse, showing the amount of fine imposed on such person and costs assessed against him. The chief of police shall endorse the mittimus when any person is discharged before his fine and costs are paid, giving the reason for such discharge. (Code 1986, § 28-2; Ord. No. 9654, § 122, 1-6-92)

**Sec. 28-3. Prisoners to work.**

Every person committed as provided in section 1-9 of this Code shall be put to public work at such labor as his health and strength will permit. (Code 1986, § 28-3)

**Sec. 28-4. Per diem allowed.**

Each prisoner shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day (exclusive of board) for each day that he is incarcerated, to be applied on the payment of the fine and costs imposed on him by the city judge; provided, that prisoners sent to any county prison or institution shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day (exclusive of board), to be applied on the payment of the fine and costs imposed by the city judge. (Code 1986, § 28-4)

**Sec. 28-5. Sexes to be segregated.**

Female prisoners shall be kept entirely separate and apart from male prisoners. (Code 1986, § 28-5)

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<sup>1</sup> **Charter reference**--Courts, fines and imprisonments, § 4.1 et seq.  
**Cross references**--General penalty for code violations, § 1-8; city court, Ch. 12; police department, § 16-41 et seq.

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### **Sec. 28-6. When prisoners to be released; premature release.**

No person who has been committed to the workhouse to work out a fine and costs shall be released therefrom until the fine and costs for which he has been committed have been fully worked out; provided that, in extreme cases, where from considerations of humanity a prisoner ought not longer to be detained in the workhouse, the chief of police may release him before he has fully worked out the fine and costs for which he has been committed. All such releases shall be by written order in which the reason for release is specifically stated. The chief of police shall report any such action to the mayor.

(Code 1986, § 28-6; Ord. No. 9654, § 122, 1-6-92)