

22-3609. Appeals from municipal courts. (a) The defendant shall have the right to appeal to the district court of the county from any judgment of a municipal court which adjudges the defendant guilty of a violation of the ordinances of any municipality of Kansas or any findings of contempt. The appeal shall be assigned by the chief judge to a district judge. The appeal shall stay all further proceedings upon the judgment appealed from.

(b) An appeal to the district court shall be taken by filing, in the district court of the county in which the municipal court is located, a notice of appeal and any appearance bond required by the municipal court. Municipal court clerks are hereby authorized to accept notices of appeal and appearance bonds under this subsection and shall forward such notices and bonds to the district court. No appeal shall be filed until after the sentence has been imposed. No appeal shall be taken more than 14 days after the date the sentence is imposed.

(c) The notice of appeal shall designate the judgment or part of the judgment appealed from. The defendant shall cause notice of the appeal to be served upon the city attorney prosecuting the case. The judge whose judgment is appealed from or the clerk of the court, if there is one, shall certify the complaint and warrant to the district court of the county, but failure to do so shall not affect the validity of the appeal.

(d) Except as provided herein, the trial of municipal appeal cases shall be to the court unless a jury trial is requested in writing by the defendant not later than seven days after first notice of trial assignment is given to the defendant or such defendant's counsel. The time requirement provided in this subsection regarding when a jury trial shall be requested may be waived in the discretion of the court upon a finding that imposing such time requirement would cause undue hardship or prejudice to the defendant. A jury in a municipal appeal case shall consist of six members. All appeals taken by a defendant from a municipal judge in contempt findings, cigarette or tobacco infraction or traffic infraction cases shall be tried by the court.

(e) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, appeal from a conviction rendered pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4416(b), and amendments thereto, shall be conducted only on the record of the stipulation of facts relating to the complaint.

(f) At the conclusion of the case, the district court shall send notice of dismissal, conviction or acquittal to the municipal court clerk.

History: L. 1970, ch. 129, § 22-3609; L. 1971, ch. 114, § 10; L. 1975, ch. 202, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 163, § 21; L. 1977, ch. 112, § 10; L. 1981, ch. 154, § 3; L. 1982, ch. 149, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 144, § 18; L. 1983, ch. 115, § 1; L. 1986, ch. 115, § 66; L. 1992, ch. 176, § 1; L. 1998, ch. 192, § 8; L. 1999, ch. 57, § 32; L. 2004, ch. 71, § 5; L. 2010, ch. 135, § 29; L. 2013, ch. 118, § 5; L. 2016, ch. 93, § 15; July 1.