

## Texas Environmental Enforcement Options

	# Cases	Case Categories	Enforced By	Violations	Attorneys	Court
<b>Civil</b>	Very few	<b>Major Civil Violations</b> To \$25,000 per day  1/2 of civil penalties stay local	<u>Your</u> city or county attorneys file suits in District Court or State Attorney General	<u>Authority: TWC 7.351</u> THSC Chapter 361 THSC Chapter 382 TWC Chapter 26 Several other chapters Or rule, order issued	<u>Your</u> County Attorney or City Attorney	District Court
<b>Criminal</b>	Few	<b>Felonies</b> > 1 year; \$10,000+	<u>Your</u> police department; county sheriff	TWC Chapter 7 THSC Chapter 365	District Attorney	District Court
	Many	<b>Class A Misdemeanors</b> 1 year; to \$4,000	<u>Your</u> police department; county sheriff	THSC Chapter 365 TWC Chapter 7 (few)	County Attorney	County Court
	Many	<b>Class B Misdemeanors</b> 6 mos; to \$2,000	<u>Your</u> police department; county sheriff	THSC Chapter 365 TWC Chapter 7 (few)	County Attorney	County Court
	Very many	<b>Class C Misdemeanors</b> To \$500	<u>Your</u> police department; county sheriff	THSC Chapter 365 THSC Chapter 341 THSC Chapter 343	File directly with JP; County Attorney presents case	JP Court
<b>Civil</b>	Most	<b>Municipal Code Violations</b> To \$500 Some to \$2,000	Municipal code enforcement	Municipal Codes  Similar, but unique for each city	City Attorney	Municipal Court
<b>Admin</b>	Lots	<b>Administrative Rule Violations</b>	TCEQ Administrative	Rules	None	None