

Photo Enforcement Tickets – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This is your Arraignment. The judge will explain the charge to you and ask you to enter a plea of “Responsible” or “Not Responsible,” or to opt for Defensive Driving.

“Responsible” – you give up your right to a trial, and will be ordered to pay a fine. MVD will be notified, and points will be assessed against your license.

“Not Responsible” – you will have a trial on another day, and will be able to dispute the ticket then. You will not be able to tell the judge “your side of the story” today. At your trial, you will be able to present witnesses and evidence to support your case. You are responsible for following the Rules of Procedure for civil traffic cases, which are available online.

Defensive Driving – you may be eligible if you have not attended in the last two years, and if you do not have a Commercial driver’s license. If you complete the one-day, 4.5 hour class, your ticket will be dismissed with no points against your license. You must pay the school the fee on the day you attend. If you fail to attend by the time given you by the court, the charge against you will be defaulted, a fine imposed, and your license suspended.

PLEASE NOTE WHICH OPTION YOU CHOOSE ON YOUR INFORMATION SHEET WHEN YOU RETURN IT TO THE CLERK.

PENALTIES: For speed violations, the fine varies depending on the speed charged. For red-light violations, the fine is \$ 170.00. You cannot be sentenced to jail for a civil traffic charge.

MVD ACTIONS: MVD may take action on your license based upon your plea or conviction, including possibly suspending your license due to points or for other reasons. For red light violations, in addition to assessing points, MVD may require you to attend Traffic Survival School in order to keep your license. **The Court has no control over MVD’s actions.**

PAYMENT: Your fine is due in full today, and payment may be made by cash, check, money order, or credit card (MC/Visa). If you are unable to pay in full today, the Court must add a \$20 time-payment fee. If you do not pay your fine, your license or privilege to drive can be suspended, which may result in criminal charges if you are stopped while driving. There will also be additional collection fees and your case will go into collections, including the interception of tax returns. If you choose to pay the fine, please indicate on your information form whether you will pay today, or choose a monthly payment plan.

PLEASE LET THE CLERK KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE. COURT STAFF MAY NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE.