

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I received a citation, what do I do now?

Contact the court on or before the appearance date on your citation, shown above your signature.

What happens if I don't contact the court by my appearance date?

You will be scheduled for another hearing date and if you do not appear an additional charge of "Violate Promise to Appear" (VPTA) or "Failure to Appear" (FTA) will be filed and a warrant shall be issued. The fine for VPTA is \$247.10 and the fine for FTA is \$244. Each warrant issued assesses an additional \$50 fee.

What are my options?

Enter a Not Guilty plea and take your case to Trial.

Enter a Nolo Contendere or Guilty plea and pay your citation within 30 days of your appearance date.

Enter a Nolo Contendere or Guilty plea and take Defensive Driving, if you qualify, in order to have your citation dismissed.

Enter a Nolo Contendere or Guilty plea and submit proof of Compliance, if you qualify, in order to have your citation dismissed.

How do I keep this citation off of my driving record?

Successfully complete a Defensive Driving Course within the required timeframe. (if eligible)

Submit proof of Compliance within the required timeframe. (if eligible)

Successfully complete a Deferred Disposition. (if eligible)

Receive a Not Guilty verdict at trial.

How should I plead?

Court employees (including the Judge) are strictly prohibited by law from providing legal advice to anyone. However, we can explain your options to better help you make a decision.

A plea of NOLO CONTENDERE states that you are not contesting the charges filed. If you plead Nolo Contendere, a finding of guilty will be entered by the court and a fine assessed.

A plea of GUILTY states that you are guilty of the charges filed. The fine and costs on a plea of guilty are the same as a plea of nolo contendere. A guilty plea may adversely affect you in the event a civil action is brought.

A plea of NOT GUILTY states that you are not guilty of the charges filed. If you plead not guilty, a trial date will be set. You are required to appear for trial. Failing to appear may result in you being charged with FAILURE TO APPEAR and a warrant being issued for

your arrest. Notice of your court date will be sent to the address on file, please update the court of any address changes prior to disposition of your case.

How long do I have to take care of my citation?

You must enter a plea on your citation by the appearance date that is shown on your citation. You then have an additional 30 days to pay your fine if entering a no contest or guilty plea. If you need additional time to pay your fine, please contact the court about setting up a payment plan.

What if I was issued a citation for No Insurance, but I have insurance?

Submit proof of insurance that was valid on the date and at the time of citation issuance within 20 working days. Once validated, your case will be dismissed. [Click here for more information on Compliance Dismissals.](#)

What if I received a citation for Expired Vehicle Registration or Inspection?

Renew your Vehicle Registration or Inspection within 20 workings days, submit proof to the court, pay \$20 fine and your case will be dismissed. [Click here for more information on Compliance Dismissals.](#)

I have a warrant for my arrest, what do I do?

Contact the court.

Will I be arrested if I come to the court to take care of a warrant?

No, you will not be arrested on a warrant issued by our court if you appear to take care of the warrant. You may, however, be arrested at any other time or location.