

# **Municipal Court Fines**

## **Fines**

The amount of fine the court assesses is determined only by the facts and circumstances of the case. Window fines have been determined and set by the Presiding Judge. Mitigating circumstances may lower the fine, even if you are guilty. On the other hand, aggravating circumstances may increase the fine. The maximum fine for most municipal court traffic violations is \$200; other State law violations, including penal code violations may be up to \$500; city ordinance violations \$500 and other city ordinance violations can be up to \$2,000 including Health and Sanitation Code violations. If you have a jury trial, you may request either the Judge or the Jury to assess the fine amount which may be from \$1 to \$200 for traffic violations.

## **Court Costs**

Various court costs are mandated by state law and will be charged. The costs are different depending on the offense. You will need to check with the court for the fine and court costs amount of the violation for which you are charged. If a warrant is issued and served or processed by a peace officer, an additional \$50 fee is assessed and may have an additional fee of \$30 which is to place the denial of the renewal of your driver's license. If you go to trial, you may have to also pay the costs of overtime paid to a peace officer for time spent testifying the trial. If you request a jury trial, a \$3 jury fee is assessed.

## **JUVENILES**

**All juveniles are required to appear in open court for all proceedings in their case(s). The parent of any juvenile charged in municipal court is required to be present in court with his or her child.**