

Information about

TRIAL COSTS

COURT COSTS

In addition to a fine, court costs mandated by state law will be charged. The costs are different depending on the offense. You need to check with the court for the amount that will be assessed to the violation for which you are charged. If you request a trial, you may have to also pay the costs of overtime paid to a peace officer spent testifying in the trial. If you request a jury trial, an additional \$18 jury fee is assessed (Six (6) jurors at \$3.00 each). If a warrant was served or processed by a peace officer, an additional \$50 fee is also assessed.

Court costs are assessed if you are found guilty at trial, if you plead guilty or nolo contendere, if your case is deferred for a driving safety course and you are placed on probation. If you are found not guilty, court costs cannot be assessed.

NEW TRIAL

If you are found guilty, you may make a written motion to the court for a new trial. The motion must be made within one day after a judgment of guilt has been rendered against you. The judge may grant a new trial if the judge is persuaded that justice has not been done in the trial of your case. Only one new trial may be granted for each offense.

APPEAL

If you are found guilty, and are not satisfied with the judgment of the court, you have the right to appeal your case. To appeal, unless you are in a court of record, you must file an appeal bond with the municipal court within 10 days of the judgment if you appeared in open court. If you pled guilty or nolo contendere, waived your right to a jury trial and requested the amount of fine and appeal bond, put the request in writing and mailed or delivered it to the court before your initial court appearance date, you have up to 31 days from the time you received a certified notice from the court to pay the fine or file an appeal bond with the municipal court. Defendants in courts of record should check with the court for rules regarding appeals.

PEACE OFFICER'S TIME

For any trial at which a Peace Officer is required to testify while off duty, the Municipal Court Clerk shall calculate the officers' overtime for time spent testifying at trial and time spent traveling to or from home if the officer was not at work that day or scheduled to be at work and add such costs as court costs to be paid by the defendant.

JURY FEE

The Municipal Court Clerk shall collect an \$18.00 fee (6 jurors at \$3.00 each) from each defendant requesting a jury and being convicted thereby or requesting a postponement or accepting a conviction less than 24 hours before the time of trial.