



CITY of FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

109 Third Avenue South, Suite 106

615-794-5362

City website--<http://franklintn.gov>

MUNICIPAL COURT – FEES and INFORMATION

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FINES and FEES

| <u>TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|--------------|
| Traffic Control Device | \$139.75 |
| Passing Stopped School Bus | \$139.75 |
| Failure to Stop for School Bus | \$139.75 |
| Failure to Exercise Due Care | \$139.75 |
| Speeding 0-10 over limit | \$119.75 |
| Speeding 11-20 over limit | \$129.75 |
| Speeding 21-30 over limit | \$139.75 |
| Speeding >30 Mandatory Court Appearance | |
| Speeding less than posted limit | \$109.75 |
| Speeding school zone | \$139.75 |
| * Driver License Law | \$139.75 |
| *Registration Law | \$139.75 |

*Compliance with Financial Responsibility \$139.75
INSURANCE MUST BE IN EFFECT ON THE DAY THE CITATION WAS WRITTEN. IF NOT, BY LAW YOU MUST PAY THE CITATION. THE STATE WILL BE NOTIFIED, AND YOUR LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION.

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| All Other Moving Violations | \$139.75 |
| HOV Lane or Texting | \$ 60.00 |
| Child Restraint Law | \$ 50.00 |
| Seat Belt Law – First offense | \$ 30.00 |
| Seat Belt Law - Subsequent offense(s) | \$ 55.00 |
| Fire Lane Parking | \$126.00 |
| Vehicle Light Law | \$ 99.75 |
| Muffler Law | \$ 99.75 |
| Window Tint | \$ 99.75 |
| *Handicapped Parking | \$ 51.00 |
| Hand-held cell phone while in motion | \$ 60.00 |

***For such noted citations, you may submit proof of documentation to the clerk, prior to court.**

LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

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| Excessive Noise | \$126.00 |
| Trespassing | \$126.00 |
| Possession of Open Alcohol | \$126.00 |
| Truck Route Violation | \$126.00 |
| Littering | \$126.00 |
| All Other City Ordinance Violations | \$126.00 |
| Parking – First Offense | \$ 21.00 |
| Parking – Second Offense | \$ 31.00 |
| Parking – Subsequent | \$ 51.00 |

You are required to

(1) Pay the fine prior to your court date **OR**
 (2) Appear before the Municipal Court Judge on the court date shown on the citation. Failure to satisfy the citation could result in suspension of your driver's license. Payment plans, or indigent forms are available through the clerk's office. The city may also use a collections agent who may notify the credit bureau or credit agency which could affect your credit rating. Additional fees will apply in accordance with T.C.A. 6-54-513

The City Court Judge is the only one with the authority to dismiss the case or offer driver safety school.

Court starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Franklin City Hall Boardroom.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PAY ALL FINES, FEES, TAXES OR COSTS ON YOUR COURT DATE.

You may pay this citation in person/phone:

Franklin City Hall
 109 Third Avenue South, Suite 106
 Franklin, TN 37064

Office Hours (except City Holidays):

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday
7:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For all Questions call or email:

Telephone Number: (615) 794-5362

Fax number (615) 591-5633

franklincitycourt@franklintn.gov

You may mail your payment to:

Franklin City Court

P. O. Box 705

Franklin, TN 37065-0705

Please call (615) 794-5362 prior to mailing payment to ensure you are sending the correct amount.

Please enclose the pink or white copy of the citation with your payment to insure proper credit.

Acceptable forms of payment:

Cash (DO NOT send cash through the mail.)

Credit or Debit cards (In person or by phone)

Money Order, Cashier's Check, Personal Check

Make money orders, cashier's checks, or personal checks payable to: *City of Franklin*



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TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY

If you wish to **PLEAD NOT GUILTY**, you must contact the Clerk's office **IN ADVANCE** of the initial court date listed on your citation in order to be rescheduled for the next **CONTESTED** court date. If you appear in court without pleading not guilty prior to your Court date, you will be rescheduled for a hearing date where the officer and City Attorney will be present.

COURT EXPECTATIONS

To ensure that each defendant is heard, we request that distractions be minimized. **You may be asked to wait outside should you fail to follow these provisions.**

- Remove your hat
- Be seated prior to Court
- No food or drink in Court
- Mobile phones off or muted
- No talking during Court
- No shorts or sagging pants
- Stand when the Judge enters

FAILURE TO APPEAR

This is a separate offense, which has no relation to your guilt or innocence with respect to the initial violation. **Failure to appear on your scheduled court date will result in an additional fine, state litigation tax, and court cost being levied against you. Additionally, if you fail to appear, you forfeit the ability to plead Not Guilty to the charge.** A collections agent may be used which will result in additional costs and could impact your credit.

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against any qualified individual with a disability. The TN Judicial Branch does not permit discrimination against any individual on the basis of physical or mental disability in accessing its judicial programs. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if necessary, the Tennessee Judicial branch will provide reasonable modifications in order to access all of its programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities.

If you need assistance with ADA concerns ONLY, please contact your Local Judicial Program ADA Coordinator:

<https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-a-j/human-resources/americans-with-disabilities-act>

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU

You are required to either pay the fine prior to your court date or appear before the Municipal Court Judge on the court date shown on the citation. Failure to satisfy this citation may result in suspension of your driver's license and the City pursuing with a Collections Agent which can affect your credit.

- If you wish to appear in court and plead **guilty** or **no contest**, you should appear on the date the officer assigned no later than 7:30 a.m.
- If you wish to plead **not guilty**, then follow the instructions on the left side of this page.
- If you wish to pay this citation, you may do so on or before your scheduled court date.
- If your case is litigated (heard) before the Judge and you are found guilty, state litigation taxes will apply.
- Failure to satisfy your citation will result in the TN Dept of Safety being notified to initiate suspension of your driver's license.
- **Please contact the Clerk's Office at 615- 794-5362** to request language assistance (other than English or Spanish) or to request a virtual court hearing if you cannot attend in person for medical reasons due to COVID