

Palmyra Municipal Court

TRAFFIC TICKETS

If you receive a traffic ticket, most of the information you need can be found on the back of the ticket. However, there are a few things you need to know that will make the process easier.

If the box marked “court appearance mandatory” is checked on the front of your ticket, you must appear in court on the date and time indicated. If the box is not checked **and** the violation is listed on the Statewide Violation Schedule a court appearance is not required.

There are three options for paying your traffic ticket. You can mail a check or money order to the address on the ticket, you can pay in person at the court’s violations window (check, cash or money order) or you can pay online using a debit or credit card at www.njmcdirect.com. Make sure you have your ticket with you when paying online as you will need the information on the ticket to access the payment screen.

If you wish to plead not guilty and come to court, you must call the court prior to the date on the front of the ticket. If the “court appearance mandatory” box is not checked, this is just a payment due date and you will not be on the court docket. Please have your ticket number available when you call and we will be happy to assist you.

If you wish to be represented by an attorney, the court must receive a letter of representation as soon as possible. The court is not allowed to recommend an attorney, however the Lawyer Referral Service of the Burlington County Bar association can assist you. www.burlcobar.org.

In certain cases you may be eligible for the services of a Public Defender. These would be cases that present the risk of a jail term, a loss of driving privileges, or a substantial fine **and** the court finds that you are unable to afford an attorney. You will be required to complete an application form provided by the court. The Judge will review the application and if the public defender is assigned the court may charge a non-refundable application fee of up to \$200.00.

The court is **not** responsible for accessing points against your license. For information on the New Jersey points system please visit www.nj.gov/nj/trans/vehicles .

If you are not a New Jersey licensed driver, you must contact the State in which you are licensed.

Plea agreements:

The NJ Supreme Court allows plea agreements to be made within the Municipal Courts, except in drunk driving and certain drug related cases. A plea agreement is an agreement between the Defendant and the Prosecutor about how the case will be resolved. In exchange for a guilty plea, the Prosecutor may amend the charge to a less serious charge or a charge that results in fewer points. Certain charges may even be dismissed. All plea agreements are subjected to the Judge's approval.

Please note that if you plead **not guilty**, to a charge that is payable through the violation schedule, and are found **guilty** in court, the Judge is not bound to the fine on the back of the ticket. The fine may be higher or lower depending on the circumstances of the case.

If you have any other questions about your traffic ticket please call the court and we will be happy to assist you. When contacting the court please have your ticket number available.