

Can I still get driving safety after being set on a docket?

No. Taking a driving safety course (DSC) to dismiss the case is NOT available after the initial appearance on your citation.

How can I get jail credit for a case?

You can plead "no contest" and submit proof to the court of your incarceration. Jail credit is determined by a judge and if granted, will result in a conviction.

How will a conviction affect me?

Criminal convictions may result in any of the following based on your circumstances:

- Loss of driver license
- Surcharges assessed by the Department of Public Safety
- Increased insurance costs or cancellation
- Loss of job
- Loss of educational opportunities
- May affect immigration status

If I decide I don't want a trial, can I change my plea?

Yes. You may change your plea from Not Guilty to No Contest or Guilty at any time prior to trial but you must also choose another available option.

If I have warrants, will I be arrested if I come to court?

NO - You will NOT be arrested. We would like to help you resolve the problem, not add to your problems.

What do I need to do to keep a case off my record?

- Successfully complete a Driving Safety Course (if eligible).
- Successfully complete a Deferred Disposition, similar to probation (if eligible).
- Have case dismissed by showing appropriate proof of compliance (if eligible).
- Not guilty verdict at a trial.

What is the difference between a trial by judge and a trial by jury?

- A jury trial consists of 6 citizens who will determine the outcome of your case based on the evidence set forth by the State (prosecutor).
- A trial by judge consists of a judge hearing the case and determining the outcome based on the evidence set forth by the State (prosecutor).

Why do I have to pay court costs even if I don't go to trial?

Court costs and fees are required by the State Legislature and City Council. The court is required to collect them.

Will the court appoint an attorney for me?

No. If you would like to consult an attorney, it will be your responsibility.

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