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Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
Excluding legal holidays**



DISCLAIMER

This non-comprehensive general information pamphlet regarding the City of Pueblo Municipal Court is not intended to provide legal advice of any kind.

While the majority of individuals charged with municipal ordinance violations represent themselves in Court, if you are charged with violating a municipal ordinance, you are encouraged to seek the legal advice of an attorney.



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You have the right to remain silent and not talk about your case. If you give up your right to remain silent, anything you say to anyone can be used against you in Court.

You have the right to have a lawyer. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer and you qualify under the Supreme Court guidelines, the Court will appoint a lawyer to represent you free; however, **you are only entitled to Court appointed counsel if you are at risk of receiving a jail sentence.**

You have the right to continue your first appearance Advisement of Rights session to obtain a lawyer.

You have the right to have a reasonable bail set to guarantee your appearance at future Court dates if you are presently incarcerated in the detention center or County jail.

You have the right to plead “Not Guilty” and to have a trial. The trial may be a trial to the Court or a trial to jury. A trial to jury may be a jury of a minimum of three (3) jurors and a maximum of six (6) jurors. If you desire a trial by jury, you must make the request in writing within 21 days of the first appearance Advisement of Rights session and include a jury fee of \$25.00. In addition, you must specify the number of jurors you wish at the time you make the request or you will be tried by a jury of 3. Except there is no jury trial right for persons accused of traffic infractions including photo red light and parking violations

At trial, you have the right to be presumed innocent. You do not have to prove anything. To convict you of the municipal ordinance violation charged, the City Attorney, Police Officer, or the complaining witness prosecuting the case

would have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that you in fact committed the municipal ordinance violation charged. The burden of proof for traffic infractions which are civil offenses is by a preponderance of the evidence.

At trial, you or your lawyer have the right to cross-examine or question the witnesses that are against you. You have the right to testify or not testify. You have the right to present evidence on your own behalf. You have the right to subpoena or force witnesses to appear and testify for you. You have the right to appeal to a higher court any decision made at trial.

Any plea entered must be your choice, done freely, voluntarily, and not the result of any undue influence, pressure, coercion, or force by anyone. By a plea of Guilty or No Contest, you will give up all rights just mentioned, including the right to appeal.