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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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Most drivers monitor themselves and gradually limit or stop driving when they feel that a certain situation (or driving in general) is not safe. However, some people fail to recognize declining abilities or they fear stopping to drive because it will make them totally dependent on others for the necessities of life or it may reduce their social and leisure activities. Certain conditions, such as dementia or the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, may make some drivers unable to properly evaluate their driving.

STEP 1: Assess the situation.

STEP 2: Initiate conversations about driving with the driver. As people age, they tend to look first to family members for candid advice concerning their well-being and health issues. Start the conversations out with a sincere sense of caring for the person's well being, and base your talks on things you have observed.

STEP 3: Suggest various options based on the degree of impairment. One size does not fit

all -- while stopping driving may be the only answer in some cases, doing so too early can cause a person's overall health to decline prematurely. Consider the following recommendations:

Take a refresher driver safety course and seek additional information from various web sites on topics such as behind-the-wheel assessment, counseling from private or public sources, remedial training, and adaptive equipment from occupational therapists.

Limit driving to certain times of the day or familiar areas, and encourage the driver to consider and gradually begin using other methods of transportation, such as rides from family or friends, public transportation, or other public or private transportation options. Accompany the person during initial trials of alternate forms of transportation.

Contact the local DMV. Your State DMV may have programs to evaluate individual driving abilities, or they may offer special licensing alternatives.

Remember the goal is not to take the license away, but to help people keep driving as long as they can safely.

STEP 4: Seek additional help, if necessary. If the person is not taking proper action in response to your concerns and the impairment is increasingly obvious, it may be necessary to involve the driver's doctor. A family doctor is often the most trusted person for providing advice on health issues that may affect driving.

AS A LAST RESORT: You can notify the Colorado State Department of Motor Vehicles of your concerns. Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 42-4-111(3)(a), provides in part, if the Colorado DMV has evidence that indicates that a licensed driver is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to remain licensed, it may, upon written notice to the licensee, require such driver to submit to an examination to determine if the licensed driver is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to remain licensed.