

Adult Municipal Ordinance Violations

A deferred sentence is a manner in which you avoid a conviction on your record. It requires you to plead guilty or no contest to the charges and pay the fine and costs, however the conviction does not enter upon your record.

Deferred sentences are deferred for a period of six (6) months. If you are not adjudicated, convicted or enter a plea of guilty or no contest to any additional criminal offenses (excluding minor traffic offenses) which occur after today's date, and you pay the fine and costs within thirty (30) days and you comply with any other conditions ordered by the court, the conviction will never enter and this case will be entered as dismissed.

You are eligible for a deferred sentence, if you have no prior criminal convictions of an identical nature within the last five (5) years and no other criminal convictions (including deferred sentences) within the last three (3) years. There is an additional \$20 deferred sentence fee for a deferred sentence under these circumstances.

If you have a previous deferred sentence still pending (meaning you are still under the jurisdiction of the court), you are not eligible for a deferred sentence.

If your case is set for trial, you will not be given any further opportunity to receive the benefits of deferred sentencing.