

Traffic Municipal Ordinance Violations

A deferred sentence is a manner in which you avoid a conviction on your record and avoid points being assessed against your drivers license. It requires you to plead guilty or no contest to the charges and pay the fine and costs, however the conviction and points do not enter upon your record (and are not reported to your insurance company).

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 (including traffic offenses) which occur after today's date, and you pay the fine and costs and you comply with any other conditions ordered by the court, the conviction of a traffic offense will never enter and this case will be entered as dismissed.

You are eligible for a deferred sentence, if you have an absolutely clean drivers history for the last three (3) years (including deferred sentences). There is an additional \$20 deferred sentence fee for a deferred sentence under these circumstances.

You are also eligible for a deferred sentence, if you have a relatively minor drivers history for the last three (3) years (no more than two (2) violations (including deferred sentences) with any more than a total point assessment of eight (8) points. There is an additional \$50 deferred sentence fee for a deferred sentence under these circumstances.

If you are under twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of offense, a condition of every deferred sentence will include a Level I Traffic School (1st offense). or a Level II Traffic School (2nd offense or more).

If you are charged with a twelve (12) point traffic offense, you may be eligible for deferred sentencing, however only after appearing in front of the judge following an arraignment / advisement of rights session of court and making that specific request.

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