

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT, VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE, OHIO

This is the Mayor's Court of the Village of Granville, Ohio. The jurisdiction of this court is limited to misdemeanor cases involving violations of ordinances of this Village and involving moving traffic violations occurring on state highways within this Village.

You have been charged with violation of a Granville Ordinance or Village traffic law. You have certain rights in this Court and I will briefly explain those rights.

1. You have a right to have an attorney represent you, and the right to have your case continued for a reasonable time to secure an attorney. If you are charged with a serious offense - involving confinement for more than six months - and are unable to employ counsel, you have a right to have counsel assigned to you. This would require that your case be transferred to Licking County Municipal Court.
2. If you have been confined you have a right to bail.
3. You need not make any statement at any point in the proceeding, and any statement you make may be used against you. You will be given the opportunity to make a statement if you wish.
4. In certain cases you have the right to a jury trial. If you wish to have a jury trial your case must be transferred to Licking County Municipal Court. If you wish this court to hear your case you will be asked to sign a waiver of jury trial.
5. If you are convicted of a traffic violation, a record of your conviction will be sent to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and become part of your driving record.
6. If you are convicted of a drug abuse offense, including possession of drug paraphernalia, your license will be suspended for not less than six (6) months and not longer than (5) years. This is a mandatory penalty for which the Court has no discretion.
7. If you are **not** a citizen of the United States, a conviction of any offense to which you plead guilty or no contest, or of which you are found guilty by any Court, may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States. Your signature on this form indicates your acknowledgement of this advisement.

When your case is called, you will be asked to enter a plea to the charge that is filed against you. You may enter one of the following pleas:

1. You may enter a plea of **GUILTY**. This means you are admitting that you committed the offense charged, and the court will determine the sentence. You will have the opportunity to make a statement to the court if you wish.

2. You may enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY**. This means you are denying the charge and a trial will be set for a later date. At the trial the village will present its case against you. You have the right to cross examine any witnesses who testify against you. You have the right to call witnesses on your behalf or to testify yourself, although, as previously stated, you are not required to do so.
3. You may enter a plea of **NO CONTEST**. This is not an admission of your guilt, but is an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the charge against you. However, the plea of **NO CONTEST** cannot be used against you in any later case, and is recommended where there has been an auto accident.

If you have any questions about your rights, you may ask them when your case is called.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

If you are found guilty, the following charges may be assessed in addition to any fines that may be levied:

State Fee \$39.00 (Moving Violation)
State Fee \$29.00 (Non-moving Violation)
Court Cost \$31.00

APPEAL

You have a right to Appeal from the ruling of this court. That appeal must be filed within 10 days of the judgment as provided by Section 1905.23 Ohio Revised Code.

I UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY WAIVE THESE RIGHTS, BUT ONLY IF I DO SO KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND INTELLIGENTLY; AFTER A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF WAIVING THESE RIGHTS.

Defendant's Signature

Date