

# ARGYLE MUNICIPAL COURT

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM FINES and STATE COURT COSTS (Effective 01/2009)

## READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM BEFORE CALLING THE COURT

**This form is furnished to you as a courtesy by the Municipal Court of the Town of Argyle to assist you in making disposition of the charge or charges filed against you.**

<u>Speeding (miles over the posted speed limit)</u>					
1-10	\$168.00	21-25	\$198.00	41-50	\$258.00
11-15	\$178.00	26-30	\$208.00	50/up	\$298.00
16-20	\$188.00	31-40	\$228.00		
<u>VIOLATION AND FINE/STATE COURT COST</u>					
No Insurance	\$247.00	No Seat Belt		\$147.00	
Ran Stop Sign	\$168.00	Unrestrained Child		\$242.00	
Fail to Stop for School Bus	\$222.00	Public Intoxication		\$247.00	
No/Exp. Driver License	\$113.00	Open Container		\$277.00	
Fail to Change Address (DL)	\$113.00	Poss. Drug Paraphernalia		\$247.00	
No/Exp. Vehicle Registration	\$146.00	Parking in Fire Lane		\$164.00	
No/Exp. Vehicle Inspection	\$113.00	Parking in Handicap		\$262.00	

For violations not listed below, please contact the court clerk at (940) 464-7255.

A CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER A TRAFFIC LAW OF THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A SURCHARGE UNDER THE DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM.

You **must appear either in Person or by Mail** by your appearance date shown on the bottom of your citation. Failure to respond to the charges filed against you by your appearance date will result in a "Failure to Appear" charge, warrants being issued for arrest, and denial renewal of your Drivers' License.

I HEARBY ENTER A PLEA OF (CHECK ONE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Guilty/No Contest    I waive my right to a jury trial and my payment is included.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guilty/No Contest    I waive my right to a jury trial and request 30 day extention **OR** payment plan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guilty/No Contest    I waive my right to a jury trial and request deferred disposition (probation)  
**(\$50.00 deferral fee added to the amount of the fine)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guilty/No Contest    I waive my right to a jury trial and request Driving Safety. My \$107.00 is included.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not Guilty                I request to appear in open court in front of the judge.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS.**

DEFENDANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: ARGYLE MUNICIPAL COURT, P.O. BOX 609, ARGYLE, TX 76226  
COURT IS LOCATED IN TOWN HALL BUILDING: 506 N. HWY 377, (BETWEEN FM 407& CRAWFORD RD.)  
Payments accepted are Cash, Checks, Money Orders, and Credit Cards (VISA/MASTERCARD ONLY).

**YOU MUST APPEAR IN PERSON OR BY MAIL WITH YOUR REQUEST.**

**YOU CAN NOT TAKE CARE OF OR PAY THIS CITATION OVER THE PHONE.**

**HAVE YOU READ BOTH SIDES???** For additional information: [www.argyletx.com](http://www.argyletx.com)

JUVENILES (UNDER THE AGE OF 17) ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE IN OPEN COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT FOR A COURT DATE.

**PAYMENTS:** If you wish to enter a plea of Guilty/No Contest, and pay the fine, please indicate on the Plea form (reverse side) and return with your full payment. Plea of Guilt/No Contest means that you waive your right to a jury trial. If you cannot pay the fine, you are required to contact the court **in writing or in person** for a 30 day extension to pay the fine. A payment plan will require a \$25.00 time payment fee.

**DEFERRED DISPOSITION:** You must enter a Plea of Guilty/No Contest and request probation from the court. Speeding violations must not exceed 25 miles over the limit to be eligible. If probation is granted, you will be assessed a fine plus a special expense fee of \$50.00. There is a ninety (90) day probationary period in most cases. If the probationary period is successfully completed your citation will be dismissed. Effective 9/2005, Defendants under the age of 25 who are requesting Deferred Disposition are **required** to also complete Driving Safety Course. (CCP, 45.051) **Persons with a Commercial DL are not eligible.**

**You can not do a payment plan for Deferred Disposition or Driving Safety.**

**DRIVING SAFETY COURSE:** You must request in writing and be granted approval by the court on or before your appearance date in order to take a Driving Safety Course to dismiss citation.

**Requirements:**

1. You must have a valid **Texas drivers license (Person holding a Commercial DL not eligible)** ;
2. Your violation must have been a moving violation;
3. Speeding violations must have been **less than 25 miles over posted speed**;
4. Must not have completed course in the past 12 months; and
5. You must have proof of liability insurance in your name.
6. Request approval and include **payment of \$107.00 for court cost fee instead of fine amount.**

**Procedure for taking the Driving Safety Course after receiving approval from the court:**

1. Register and pay for your Driving Safety Course (must be T.E.A. approved);
2. Mail \$10.00 to the TX DPS for your driving record (form will be provided to you);
3. Complete your Driving Safety Course and return "Certificate of Completion" and Driving Record back to the Court **within 90 days of appearance date (extensions are not granted)**;
5. Must successfully complete 90 day probation period.

**Failure of completion will result in conviction of charges and payment of original citation fine as default fee.** Requests by mail must be accompanied with \$107.00 court cost fee, this form filled out, copy of Texas DL, and copy of insurance. The court will mail you the required forms.

**It is your responsibility to provide the court with correct mailing address.**

**DISMISSALS:** Violations for **Expired Drivers License, Failure to Change address on DL,**

**Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection or Registration** may be eligible for dismissal if you meet all of the following: 1) **Expired less than 60 days;** 2) Violation corrected within 10 days of issuance of citation; and 3) Provide proof and pay a \$20.00 dismissal fee to the court.

**NO INSURANCE:** Failure to maintain financial responsibility may be dismissed with proof by mail or bring proof in person with **no dismissal fee**. If you did not have current insurance at the time the citation was issued, you are not eligible for dismissal. **The Court will call and verify coverage!**

**COURT APPEARANCES:** If you choose to enter a Plea of Not Guilty, you will be placed on the court docket and will be notified of a court date. You may hire an attorney or represent yourself. You have the right to a bench trial in front of the judge or a jury trial.

