

ARGYLE MUNICIPAL COURT

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM FINES and STATE COURT COSTS (Effective 06/2010)

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.

Speeding (miles over the posted speed limit)

1-10	\$168.00	21-25	\$199.00	41-50	\$259.00
11-15	\$179.00	26-30	\$209.00	50/ up	\$299.00
16-20	\$189.00	31-40	\$229.00		

VIOLATION AND FINE/STATE COURT COST

No Insurance	\$247.00	No Seat Belt	\$147.00
Ran Stop Sign	\$169.00	Fail to Stop for School Bus	\$222.00
No/Exp. DL	\$114.00	Fail to Change Address (DL)	\$114.00
Poss. Drug Paraphernalia	\$247.00	Parking in Fire Lane	\$164.00
No/Exp. Vehicle Registration	\$113.00	Parking in Handicap	\$262.00
No/Exp. Vehicle Inspection	\$146.00		

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 a hold being placed on 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 extension**
- Guilty/No Contest I waive my right to a jury trial and request a 4 month payment plan (additional fee of \$25.00 per violation will be added to fine) ¼ of the total amount is due with this form.
- 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 \$108.00 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 _____

PHONE # _____ TICKET # _____

MAIL TO: ARGYLE MUNICIPAL COURT, P.O. BOX 609, ARGYLE, TX 76226 COURT IS LOCATED at 506 N. Hwy 377 Argyle, TX 76226. Forms of payment accepted are Cash, Checks, Money Orders, and Credit Cards (VISA/MASTERCARD ONLY). for additional information log onto: www.argyletx.com e-mail court@argyletx.com

YOU MUST APPEAR IN PERSON OR BY MAIL WITH YOUR REQUEST. YOU CANNOT TAKE CARE OF OR PAY THIS CITATION OVER THE PHONE. Payments made must be by the person who was issued the ticket, checks must be from the checking account or credit card account of the person who was issued the ticket, **others CANNOT pay your ticket or enter a plea for you.**

JUVENILES (UNDER THE AGE OF 17) ARE REQUIRED BY LAW 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.

By Fax or e-mail - You can go to the Town website, click on the Court tab, then click on the MasterCard/Visa logo, print the form fax or e-mail the completed form with all of your information and credit card numbers. Fax number 940.464.7409 e-mail to court@argyletx.com.

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 four-month payment plan will require a \$25.00 time payment fee per offense in addition to the fine and ¼ of the total is due with your plea.

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 cannot choose a payment plan for Deferred Disposition or Driving Safety if you have a CDL.

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 \$108.00 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 Obtain a current copy of your driving record from DPS;
- 3 Complete your Driving Safety Course and return the Court Original "Certificate" and Driving Record back to the Court **within 90 days of appearance date (extensions are not granted);**
- 4 Must successfully complete 90 day probation period.

Failure of completion will result in your having to appear in open Court before the Judge and show cause as to why you did not complete the requirements plus receive a conviction and paycharges of the original citation fine as a default fee.

Requests by mail must be accompanied with \$108.00 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, phone number.

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.