

Jasper Municipal Court Procedures

Notice:

It is the defendant's responsibility to make the payment to the right court and for the correct amount.

Please pay carefully.

Please be advised that your payment constitutes a plea of NO CONTEST and a waiver of your right to counsel and a jury trial. You will be found guilty, and the conviction will be reported accordingly.

The following are NOT payable online; Please appear before the Court:

- **DSC fees (Defensive Driving or Deferred Disposition)**
- **Warrants**
- **Payment Plan / Partial Payments**
- **Juveniles (16 years of age or under at time of offense) with a Parent and/or Guardian**
- **Under 18 tobacco**
- **Under 21 Alcohol Offenses**
- **Open Container 18 to 21 years of Age must appear before the Judge. Under 18 must appear in court before the Judge with a Parent and/or Guardian**
- **Animal Control or Code Enforcement Citations**
- **Assault / Family Violence**

ALL PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH THIS COURT ARE FINAL

Deferred/Probation Conditions:

If your request for deferred disposition is granted, you will be placed on probation for a period not to

exceed 180 days. As a condition of your probation, you must not receive any additional citations in the United States, including parking tickets, during the deferral period. Other conditions may also be imposed to qualify for deferred disposition. Any conditions or terms required to successfully complete the deferral period will be provided to you in writing by the court. In addition, you will be required to read and sign the deferred disposition order acknowledging receipt of the information needed to satisfy your deferral terms. **If you are under the age of 25 you will be required to complete defensive driving.**

Eligibility:

You are eligible for Deferred Disposition IF:

- You have entered a plea of No Contest or Guilty.
- You do not possess a CDL license (Commercial Driver's License).
- You have not participated in any deferred disposition program during the past 12 months, calculated from date of previous dismissal to the date of your current citation.
- You are not currently participating in a Deferred Disposition in the City of Jasper.
- You are not charged with speeding in excess of 24 mph over the speed limit.
- You are not charged with a violation occurring in a construction zone.
- You have not already paid your fine which resulted in a final conviction in this case.
- If you are under the age of 25 see below.

You are **NOT** eligible for deferred disposition if:

- There was an accident – or an incident where witness(s) were involved
- You have had probation in the last 12 months
- A speeding violation must not exceed 24 MPH over the posted speed limit
- You committed a violation while passing/overtaking a school bus
- The violation occurred in a construction zone with workers present
- Your citation is for a violation other than a traffic citation
- You are the holder of a commercial driver's license

A [Request for Deferred Disposition/probation](#) must be submitted by mail or made in person at the court clerk's office within 12 calendar days of the offense date.

Juveniles:

The municipal court has jurisdiction over juveniles (16 years or younger) charged with class C misdemeanor offenses. All juveniles are required to appear in open court for all proceedings with a parent or legal guardian. A letter will be mailed to the address on the citation with the date and time of the appearance. Failure to comply with court requirements or failure to complete all terms regarding juvenile charges may result in additional charges against the parent and the child. In addition, such failure may result in the juvenile having his/her drivers license suspended or prevent the juvenile from obtaining a driver's license from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Address Notification – You and your parent or guardian are required by law to provide the court, in writing, your current address and residence. If your place of residence changes, you have (7) days to notify the court, in writing, of your new address and residence.

Failure to keep the court informed of your new residence may result in Failure to Appear and Failure to Notify charges filed against both you and your parent or guardian. The obligation of keeping the court informed of your current address and residence is required until your case is finalized/terminated.

All juveniles must comply with the court's dress code when appearing for court.

Dress Code:

To be permitted in the courtroom, you must be dressed appropriately so as to maintain the dignity, decorum and professional atmosphere of the court and the administration of justice.

No one will be permitted in the courtroom in:

- Shorts
- Any immodest or revealing wear such as halter tops or tube tops
- Any clothing with offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist, obscene, or suggestive words, slogans, depictions, or pictures
- Pants are to be worn at the waist.
- No exposed undergarments are permitted.
- Pants that are tattered, shredded or that exposes skin are not permitted.
- No hats, caps, head coverings or sunglasses, except with prior permission of the court.

Any person not dressed in appropriate courtroom attire is subject to removal from the courtroom.