

Frankfort City Court

Matthew K. Beardsley, Judge

Please read this form before contacting the Court office; you may be able to answer any questions you have by doing so. Unless stated otherwise below, wait at least ten (10) days after receiving your ticket before you contact the Court office, as it may take that amount of time until your ticket has been received and processed in the Court office. The Court clerk cannot answer any questions or process any payments until the ticket is filed with the Court.

If you have been issued a ticket that does not require you to appear in Court, you may do any one of the following:

- 1) Admit the violation by the paying the scheduled fine and court costs in one of the following ways:
 - a. Mail a money order or cashier's check to Frankfort City Court Clerk
 - b. Pay in person at the office of the Frankfort Clerk Treasurer (no personal checks are accepted)
 - c. Online at publicaccess.courts.in.gov/pay
- 2) Deny the violation by appearing in court at the date and time on your ticket or by providing a written denial to the Court prior to that date. A written denial does not require a lengthy explanation; you can simply return a copy of your ticket with a statement declaring "I deny the offense and request a trial date for my case." A written denial must be signed by you and must include your current mailing address, if not correct on the ticket.
- 3) Contact the Clinton County Prosecutor's Office in person on the 4th floor of the Clinton County Courthouse or by phone at (765) 659-6350 to see if an agreement to resolve your ticket can be reached before the date specified on your ticket. If a resolution is not reached, you must either admit or deny the alleged infraction as described above.

You must appear in Court on the date and time specified on the ticket if you are charged with Child Restraint Violation, Illegal Passing of a Stopped Law Officer, or if you were under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged violation for all citations except a seatbelt violation. If you are scheduled to appear in Frankfort City Court, and you are charged with a misdemeanor offense or the offenses of Driving While Suspended or Driving With No Proof of Financial Responsibility, please contact the Court office as soon as possible, because your case will be transferred to Clinton Superior Court.

Your first appearance in Court will be for an initial hearing and advisement of rights, not for a trial on your case. **If you fail to pay, fail to appear in Court, or fail to respond as described above, it will result in additional fees and a suspension of your driver's license.**

Except with regard to seatbelt citation, you must pay Court costs of \$133.50 regardless of whether or not you appear in Court (unless your case is dismissed or you are found not guilty). In addition to Court costs, the standard fine for the most common offenses which you are permitted to pay without making a Court appearance is shown below. If you were simultaneously issued more than one citation, please call the Court Clerk at (765) 654-5715 before you pay because you will only be required to pay Court costs once.

Offense	Fine	Costs	Total
Speeding 1-15 mph over limit	\$15.50	\$133.50	\$149.00
Speeding 16-25 mph over limit	\$35.50	\$133.50	\$169.00
Speeding 26-35 mph over limit	\$85.50	\$133.50	\$219.00
Speeding 36-45 mph over limit	\$185.50	\$133.50	\$319.00
Federal Motor Carrier Violation	\$35.50	\$133.50	\$169.00
Following Too Closely	\$15.50	\$133.50	\$149.00
Stop Sign or Stop Light Violation	\$15.50	\$133.50	\$149.00
Expired Plate or License	\$15.50	\$133.50	\$149.00
Other Standard Class C Infractions	\$35.50	\$133.50	\$169.00
Seatbelt Violation	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00

All other infractions – please call Frankfort City Court Clerk @ (765) 654-5715

Please note that the above fines may vary depending on the information presented if the case goes to trial. For a Class C infraction, such as speeding, the maximum fine is \$35.50 if you have not had a prior moving offense in the past five (5) years. If the standard fine listed on this page for your ticket exceeds the fine of \$35.50 and you do not have a prior moving offense within the prior five (5) years, call the Prosecutor's office at (765) 659-6350 to request that they examine your driving record and make adjustment to the standard fine before you pay your ticket.

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