

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

The Probate Court of Terrell County handles traffic citations issued by the Terrell County Sheriff's Department, the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Game and Fish Division.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF A TRAFFIC CITATION

- Wait at least 3 days to inquire of the amount of your bond.
- We accept CASH, MONEY ORDERS OR VISA/MASTER CARD WITH A CONVENIENCE FEE.

YOU CAN MAIL TO:

Terrell County Probate Court
P.O. Box 67
Dawson, GA 39842

Please include correct name, address, date of citation number (located on top right-hand corner) if know when mailing your payment.

NO PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS ACCEPTED!! CHECKS RECEIVED WILL BE RETURNED AND THE TRAFFIC CITATION IS HANDLED AS A NON-PAYMENT.

You may pay online at EZ Court, Pay or Call, 1-800-262-0128. To do so you must have your citation number, date of birth, and the Jurisdiction is Terrell County.

If you do not pay your citation on or before your court date your driver's license will be subject to being sanctioned for **SUSPENSION** after the court date.

NO PAYMENTS Taken over the phone at office

OUT -OF-STATE VIOLATORS

Georgia is a member of the Inter-State Driver's License Compact. If you are from a state that also participated in the compact, your state will recognize a ticket issued to you in Georgia as if it were issued in your home state. Failing to appear before the Terrell County Probate Court or to pay the traffic fine prior to your appearance date will result in your home state suspending your driver's license until the fines are paid.

Defendants that wish to contest the citation must notify the court in person or by phone one (1) week prior to your court date for clerks to prepare necessary paperwork for court. Failure to notify court may result in your court date being set at a later date and you having to return for that date and you must have the required cash bond.

TRAFFIC ATTORNEYS

All original filings must be received five business days prior to scheduled court date.

--Must file "Entry of Appearance"

--Must be a member of the State Bar of Georgia

--Must personally appear unless the following is received five business days prior.

A--"Waiver of Formal Arraignment"

B—Must file plea of Guilty/Not Guilty/NoLo Contendere

1.—Plea of not guilty

C.—Court requires Cash Bond or Personal Appearance

2. Plea of Guilty or NoLo Contendere

a. Spendable offenses MUST personally appear for sentencing.

b. Some spendable offenses require mandatory jail time.

c. DUI @ Misdemeanor possession of Marijuana requires Mandatory Probation.

1. Defendants must personally appear for sentencing.

2. Sentences are according the Georgia Annotated Code no alternative sentencing.

3. Defendants with mandatory suspension time will be served Notice of Suspension by the court