

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I change the court date listed on my ticket?

No, the Circuit Clerk CANNOT change your court date. Only the Court can grant a continuance.

Am I required to appear in court on my Operation of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle ticket?

If you had insurance at the time the ticket was issued, you may appear at the McHenry County Government Center (Room 136). You will be required to present valid proof of insurance demonstrating coverage at the date and time of receiving the ticket. You will need to sign a Mandatory Insurance Affidavit, (available to print at www.McHenryCircuitClerk.org) confirming your insurance status at the time of the ticket issuance. Valid proof of insurance includes: Illinois Insurance Card, Certificate of Insurance or Declaration page from insurance policy. Persons with fleet insurance or driving a rental vehicle must appear in court.

I am under age 18, can I receive Supervision?

Drivers under the age 18 must appear in court with their parent or guardian to request Court Supervision.

What if I request Court Supervision with TSS but am found to be ineligible?

Your Supervision will be revoked, and a conviction will be reported to the Secretary of State. TSS fees are NOT refundable. It is your responsibility to check your eligibility.

I have already attended the 4-hour TSS. Am I still eligible for Court Supervision?

You may be eligible for the 8-hour TSS. The only way to receive Court Supervision with the 8-hour TSS is to appear in court on the date listed on your ticket and request it from the Judge.

How will this ticket affect my driving record?

The Clerk of Court and TSS do NOT determine how your ticket will affect your driving record. Contact the Illinois Secretary of State at 1(800) 252-8980 for more information.

If I choose to appear in court, or I am required to appear, how much will it cost and when is it due?

If you are found guilty by the Court, you will be ordered to pay your fines and fees IMMEDIATELY. The pre-pay amounts that appear in this brochure do not apply if you are required to appear or choose to go to court. If you are found guilty by the Court you will be assessed the applicable schedule for your charged offense as provided in the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act (705 ILCS 135/1 et seq.), in addition to the fine set by the Court. The schedule assessment for minor traffic offenses is \$226.00 (Schedule 10). The schedule assessment for major traffic offenses is \$325.00 (Schedule 9). These assessments will be charged in addition to any fine amount set by the Court.

What if I do nothing?

Failure to pay ticket or appear in court may lead to arrest, summons, suspension of driving privileges, ExParte judgment of conviction being entered against you, and/or additional fees. Any court dates missed may result in additional fees. Unpaid balances will be sent to collections and the Illinois State Comptroller's office Local Debt Recovery Program.

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

McHenry County, Illinois



KATHERINE M. KEEFE

Clerk of the Circuit Court

www.McHenryCircuitClerk.org
(800) 729-8427

YOUR OPTIONS AFTER RECEIVING A TRAFFIC TICKET:

- 1 If your ticket is marked "No Court Appearance Required" you have the option to pay this ticket BEFORE the court date listed at the bottom of the ticket **without** appearing in court. **See Option B inside this brochure.**
- 2 If your ticket is marked "No Court Appearance Required" you may pay the ticket and request Court Supervision with Traffic Safety School (TSS) BEFORE your court date. If you complete TSS and get no other tickets during the 120 day Court Supervision, this ticket will not be reported as a conviction to the Secretary of State. **See Option C inside.**
- 3 You can PLEAD NOT GUILTY and request a trial. Mail your Not Guilty Plea to the Circuit Clerk BEFORE the court date listed at the bottom of your ticket to avoid multiple court appearances. **See Option A inside this brochure.**
- 4 You can appear in court on the court date listed at the bottom of your ticket. If your ticket is marked "Court Appearance Required" you must either appear or plead not guilty and request a trial.

If coming to the Courthouse to make payment or show proof of insurance, check online at www.McHenryCircuitClerk.org with a *Case Information Search* to make sure your ticket appears in the Clerk's database **BEFORE** driving to Woodstock.

Remote Appearance Option

Remote appearance by Zoom is an option for all matters in Traffic Court (Courtroom 102), except trials. Remote court opens at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm daily. Go to www.mchenrycircuitclerk.org for more information and remote courtroom links.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

****MUST be paid BEFORE court date**

PAY ONLINE

www.PayMcHenryCountyTicket.com



To pay your McHenry County ticket online, please scan the QR code or visit www.PayMcHenryCountyTicket.com

PAY BY MAIL

Follow instructions inside this brochure, mail to address below.

PAY IN PERSON

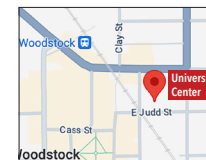
McHenry County Government Center
Circuit Clerk Criminal/Traffic Division
Room 136 (1st Floor)
2200 N. Seminary Ave. (Route 47)
Woodstock, IL 60098



TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TSS is offered in partnership with McHenry County College.

Please scan the QR code below or go to www.mchenry.edu/traffic to register and pay for Traffic Safety School.



Traffic Safety School
McHenry County College
University Center
222 E Church Street
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 479-7777

OPTION A PLEAD NOT GUILTY—REQUEST TRIAL

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Ticket Number Issuing Police Dept.

Daytime Phone Number Driver's License Number

To contest the charges against you, sign the PLEA OF NOT GUILTY & TRIAL REQUEST below. Select the type of trial you are requesting and submit this form to the Clerk of Court in the envelope provided by the officer.

AVOID MULTIPLE COURT APPEARANCES

To avoid multiple court appearances you must notify the Clerk of Court of your intent to plead not guilty at least 3 days before the date set for your appearance. A new appearance date will be set and arrangements will be made to have the arresting officer present on that new date. Failure to notify the Clerk of either your intention to plead "not guilty" or your intention to demand a jury trial may result in multiple court appearances.

A new appearance date will be set and you will be notified of the time and date of your trial. Do not come to court until that date. When you are notified, you should come to court prepared for trial and bring any witnesses you may have. If you do not receive a trial date notice in the mail within 2 weeks, it is your responsibility to contact the Circuit Clerk at (815) 334-4190.

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY & TRIAL REQUEST

I WISH TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY AND REQUEST:
(CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)

- ☐ Trial by Judge
☐ Trial by Jury

SIGN HERE TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Date

OPTION B PLEAD GUILTY—CONVICTION

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Ticket Number Issuing Police Dept.

Daytime Phone Number Driver's License Number

You MUST sign the PLEA OF GUILTY & WAIVER below. A conviction will be reported to the Illinois Secretary of State.
DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT.

PLEA OF GUILTY & WAIVER

I, the undersigned, do hereby plead guilty to the charge noted on the front side of the ticket issued to me, identified herein, which does not require a court appearance. I understand my right to a trial, that my signature to this plea of guilty will have the same force and effect as a conviction entered by the court and that this record will be sent to the Secretary of State of this State (or of the State where I received my license to drive). I hereby PLEAD GUILTY to the said offense on the ticket issued to me, identified herein, GIVE UP my right to trial, and agree to pay the amount required.

SIGN HERE TO PLEAD GUILTY

Date

AMOUNT TO PAY

- ☐ Pay \$164 to Circuit Clerk—Plead Guilty

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ Pay by Personal Check or Money Order (Make payable to CIRCUIT CLERK) I authorize the Circuit Clerk to REDUCE the face amount of my check if I have paid too much.
- ☐ Pay by Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover)
(vendor charges small convenience fee)

Card Number Expiration Date

Name on Card 3-digit CSV from back of card

Signature of Card Holder

Zip Code of Card Holder

OPTION C PLEAD GUILTY—COURT SUPERVISION WITH TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL (TSS)

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Ticket Number Issuing Police Dept.

Daytime Phone Number Driver's License Number

You MUST sign the PLEA OF GUILTY & WAIVER below. DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT. You must not have enrolled in TSS during the 12 months prior to the date this ticket was issued. If you were issued more than one ticket, you are only eligible to receive Supervision by appearing in court. This option is NOT available for drivers under the age of 18 or for CDL license holders driving CDL vehicles when the ticket was issued. Your Supervision will last 120 days from the date your request is processed. You cannot receive any other traffic violations during this time. Your Supervision can be revoked and guilty plea entered as a conviction if: 1) You are found ineligible 2) You do not complete the class within 120 days 3) You receive another traffic violation within the Supervision period.

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Date

AMOUNT TO PAY Supervision requires payment to Circuit Clerk, PLUS fee paid directly to MCC upon registration for TSS class.

- ☐ Pay \$164 to Circuit Clerk—Plead Guilty
4-hour Classroom TSS—\$50 additional fee payable to MCC
4-hour Online TSS—\$65 additional fee payable to MCC

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