



Division of Court Services

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BASIC RIGHTS: If you appear in The City of Dublin Mayor’s Court, you should know your basic rights as a defendant in Court. They are:

- To know the nature of the charge filed against you.
- To know the identity of the person making the charge against you.
- To see and read the affidavit filed against you.
- To have legal counsel represent you. If you cannot afford legal counsel, you may have your case transferred to the Franklin, Delaware, or Union County Municipal Court to determine if you are eligible for a Public Defender.
- To have a trial by jury where provided by law in the appropriate Municipal Court.

PLEAS: When your name is called in Court, the Magistrate will inform you of the nature of the charge. You will then be required to enter one of the following pleas provided by the laws of Ohio, and will be able to present any information to the Magistrate:

- **GUILTY-** The plea of guilty is a complete admission of your guilt.
- **NO CONTEST-** The plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt, but is an admission to the truth of the facts alleged in the ticket or complaint. A no contest plea cannot be used against you in any other civil or criminal proceeding. If the ticket/complaint correctly states an offense under Dublin and/or State law, **you will be found guilty** and sentencing will occur.
- **NOT GUILTY-** The plea of not guilty is a denial of legal guilt. Upon the entering of a not guilty plea, your case will be set for a later pre-trial/trial docket.
- **ONCE IN JEOPARDY-** The plea of once in jeopardy indicates that you have already been tried for the same offense from the same incident.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: A defendant who is charged with a traffic offense shall either present to the police officer at the time of the alleged offense, or to the court at the time of his/her appearance, proof of financial responsibility for the operation of the vehicle **IN EFFECT AT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE TRAFFIC OFFENSE.** If you do not have proof of financial responsibility, or if you did not show it to the police officer or to the Court, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will be notified of the failure to provide proof. The BMV will then send a notice to the address appearing on your driver’s license indicating that failure to provide proof of financial responsibility within 30 days will result in BMV suspension of your license. It is your responsibility to notify the BMV of any change of address.

“If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense to which you are pleading guilty (or no contest when applicable) may have the consequence of deportation, exclusion of admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.”

<u>PENALTIES</u>	<u>Classification of Misdemeanor</u>	<u>Maximum term of Jail Time</u>	<u>Maximum Fine Amount</u>
	First Degree (M1)	180 Days	\$1000.00
	Second Degree (M2)	90 Days	\$ 750.00
	Third Degree (M3)	60 Days	\$ 500.00
	Fourth Degree (M4)	30 Days	\$ 250.00
	Minor Misdemeanor (MM)	No Jail Time	\$ 150.00
	Unclassified Misdemeanor (UM)	No Jail Time	\$1000.00 and/or 500 hrs of Comm. Serv.

*****Court Costs Are In Addition To Any Fines Imposed*****

APPEAL RIGHTS: Within 10 days from the date the Magistrate renders judgement, you may appeal that decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Mayor’s Court Clerk. If appealed, your case will be transferred to the appropriate Municipal Court.

If you would like to have your case transferred to the appropriate Municipal Court, please request a transfer at this time.

*****All Fines & Costs Must Be Paid Upon Final Disposition of the Defendant’s Case*****

I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT OF RIGHTS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT MY RIGHTS ARE. I KNOWINGLY, INTELLIGENTLY, AND VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP MY RIGHTS TO EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY, OR TO HAVE ONE APPOINTED FOR ME. I ALSO GIVE UP MY RIGHTS SET FORTH ABOVE, INCLUDING MY RIGHT TO HAVE MY RIGHTS EXPLAINED TO ME IN OPEN COURT AND MY RIGHT TO BE TRIED WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED IN 2945.71 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

PLEA: I understand the charge(s) against me and the possible maximum penalties. Having knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived my rights, I plead

GUILTY **NO CONTEST** **NOT GUILTY** **ONCE IN JEOPARDY**

NAME: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

DOB: _____

SIGNATURE: _____