

Handling a Citation

Receiving a citation does not mean you are **GUILTY** of the alleged violation. Control of the situation is still in your hands.

Your options are listed below.

You can:

- Protest the citation
- Obtain proof of repair of equipment
- Request a payment extension

If a citation is not resolved, the Court may issue an Arrest Warrant and

suspend your license. As long as an Arrest Warrant remains outstanding, you are subject to be arrested. You must come to court to have the warrant removed.

The Municipal Court and its Staff advise that all litigants who need **LEGAL** assistance should seek an attorney. Neither the Court nor its Staff can refer you to an attorney. It is your choice to decide on your representative.

Don't forget!

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The staff at Municipal Court can help you save time and money, by providing you with the proper procedures.

Attorney Representation

Once you have protested a payable ticket, you have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. At this point, your citation has become a case to be heard in court. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court can appoint an attorney upon completion of a financial statement of need.

You can choose to pay some citations without appearing in court. If you choose this option the conviction will be reported on your driving record. Some Citations require court appearances and cannot simply be paid without going to court. If the citation is payable, you can mail your payment or pay in person.

Send citation payments to:

Birmingham Municipal Court
David J Vann Justice Center
801 - 17th Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

(205) 254-2152 or

(205) 254-2161

Fax (205) 254-2896

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We are extending our hands to you.

The Municipal Court's mission is to serve as the judicial branch of the City of Birmingham that processes and adjudicates all non-felony cases occurring within the City's police jurisdiction. The court furnishes the necessary personnel, facilities, and extra services required to comply with federal, state, and local laws.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL

In order to attend Defensive Driving School (DDS), a program that allows a moving violation to be reviewed for a possible dismissal upon completion of the course, you must receive permission from the Municipal Court. Upon admittance, you will be instructed to attend DDS where you will be taught the proper methods for driving as defined in the Alabama Department of Public Safety Drivers' Manual.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- ◆ *Have a valid driver's license*
- ◆ *Have valid insurance*
- ◆ *Protest the ticket*
- ◆ *Be at least 16 years of age*
- ◆ *Present your citation*
- ◆ *Be accident-free at the time the citation was given.*

FINES & COURT FEES

The judge may:

- ◆ *Dismiss the citation*
No fine, court costs, or fees will be due.
- ◆ *Nol Pross the citation*
No fine due, but court costs and fees will be due.