Information and Payment Options

The **court date on your ticket is the deadline for paying your ticket**. Please allow at least seven days after receiving a ticket before attempting to pay it to allow time for processing. We do not accept partial payments. If you pay your ticket at least **24** hours before your court date, the matter is settled, and your name is removed from the court docket. If you **DO NOT** pay your ticket at least **24** hours before your court date you MUST appear in court. If you are charged with an offense that is not listed you must appear in court. You will **NOT** pay additional court costs for appearing in court.

FAILURE TO APPEAR OR SETTLE

You will incur additional cost if you do not pay your ticket prior to your court date or appear in court. Your driver's license may be suspended and a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

1. Pay by **MAIL** with a cashier's check or money order payable to:

City of Birmingham
801 17th Street North
Birmingham, AL 35203

2. Pay **ONLINE** with credit/debit card at: https://otpa.**birmingham**al.gov/
3. Pay in **PERSON** 7:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m. with cash, cashier's checks, credit/debit card or money orders payable to the City of Birmingham.

COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED OFFENSE

If the traffic or misdemeanor offense or for which you have been charged is **not** on the schedule of fines, then you must appear in court. Your court date is listed on the traffic ticket. Be sure you are in court on your court date. Otherwise, a forfeiture will be ordered by the judge and a writ of arrest may be issued for you.

PARKING TICKETS

If you have a parking ticket, you must go to the records counter to request a hearing that will be set before a Magistrate if you wish to protest.

DRIVING SCHOOL OPTIONS

If you have not received a moving violation in the past 5 years and would like to request driving school, do not pay your ticket. Appear in court on your court date and you will be given complete instructions.