

About Deferred Disposition

- You may wish to request deferred disposition for your offense to keep the moving traffic offense from appearing on your record
- Requests for deferred disposition on other offenses must be requested in person or in writing. Deferred disposition is similar to probation
- The case is suspended for a period of time set by the Judge
- Fees are assessed as a penalty
- The Judge may require additional conditions, such as no additional charges filed within the city during the deferred period, and anyone under the age of 25 MUST complete a driver safety course as a term of probation.

Requirements

In order to request deferred disposition you will be required to do the following:

- Appear on or before your initial appearance date in person or in writing
- Submit a written request for **deferred disposition**
- Enter a plea of guilty or no contest
- Waive the right to have a trial before the Judge or Jury
- Pay a fee or non-refundable bond
- You must not currently be on probation in the City of Forest Hill
- Meet any additional conditions or requirements of the Judge

Offenses not Qualifying for Deferred Disposition:

- Speeding 25 mph over the limit or more
- Failure to Give Information at Accident Scene
- Leaving the Scene of Accident
- Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer
- Reckless driving
- Passing a School Bus
- Any traffic offense committed in a construction zone
- Serious traffic violation as defined by the Transportation Code, which applies to drivers with a commercial driver's license
- Anyone who holds a Commercial Driver's License as time of offense.

As of September 1, 2003 you are not eligible for Deferred Disposition if you possess a Class A or B driver's license, even if you are in a personal vehicle. (Art. 45.051 B)

Failure to Comply

If you fail to comply with the conditions or requirements as ordered by the Judge, you will be required to appear before the court and show cause as to why you have failed to comply.

If you do not appear for the Show Cause Hearing, a Capias Pro Fine Warrant may be issued for your arrest. Failure to comply may result in a conviction on your record and increased fines.

If you meet the above requirements for deferred disposition, download the form from our website, print and fill it out, and return it to the Forest Hill Municipal Court with the fee. The court address is located at the bottom of the form.