

Fines

The facts and circumstances of each case determine the amount of fine the court assesses. Mitigating circumstances may lower the fine, even if you are guilty. On the other hand, aggravating circumstances may increase the fine. The range of punishment or fine for most municipal court violations is as follows:

Traffic Code Violations \$1 - \$200	Class C Penal Code Violations \$1 - \$500
Certain City Ordinance Violations \$1 - \$2,000	Other City Ordinance Violations \$1 - \$200

The fine does not include court costs which will usually be \$55, but may be as little as \$8 (Parking) to more than \$100 (Insurance Violations). You will be expected to pay your fine and court costs at the time your case is heard. State law requires an additional \$25 be added to each case for any fine not paid within 30 days of disposition. Further, an additional \$25 will be added to any offense occurring in a school zone.

Fine Listing as of January 01, 2010

<u>Regular Speeding</u>	<u>MPH over Limit</u>	<u>School Zone</u>	<u>Construction Zone</u>
173.00	10	198.00	198.00
176.00	11	203.00	204.00
179.00	12	208.00	210.00
182.00	13	213.00	216.00
185.00	14	218.00	213.00
188.00	15	223.00	228.00
191.00	16	228.00	234.00
194.00	17	233.00	240.00
197.00	18	238.00	246.00
200.00	19	243.00	252.00
203.00	20	248.00	258.00
206.00	21	253.00	264.00
209.00	22	258.00	270.00
212.00	23	263.00	276.00
215.00	24	268.00	282.00
218.00	25	273.00	288.00
221.00	26	278.00	294.00
224.00	27	283.00	300.00
227.00	28	288.00	306.00
230.00	29	293.00	312.00
233.00	30	298.00	318.00
236.00	31	303.00	324.00
239.00	32	308.00	330.00
242.00	33	313.00	336.00
245.00	34	318.00	342.00
248.00	35	323.00	348.00
251.00	36	328.00	354.00

Court Costs

In addition to a fine, state law mandates that the Court assess court costs. Court costs are assessed if you are found guilty at trial, if you plead no contest or nolo contendere, if your case is deferred for a driving safety course, or if disposition of your case is deferred and you are placed on probation. If you are found not guilty, no court costs will be assessed against you.

The court costs vary depending on the type of offense. You should check with the Court Clerk's Office to find out the amount that will be assessed in your case. If you request a trial and are found guilty, you may also be assessed the costs of overtime for a police officer spent testifying in the trial. If you request a jury trial, an additional \$3 jury fee may be assessed and if a warrant was processed and/or served by a peace officer, an additional \$50 may also be assessed.

Speeding Up to 10 mph over the speed limit

Speeding amounts include Court Cost (State Fee) of \$97.10 and the \$25 child safety fee for speeding in a school zone plus the Fine Amount.

Other Fines:

These offense amounts include the state court costs and the fine amount.

Animal at Large	\$214
Assault by Contact	\$414
Assault by Threat	\$414
Barking Dog	\$164
Dangerous Animal	\$564
Defective Equipment – Headlights	\$198
Disorderly Conduct – Fighting	\$414
Driving While License Invalid	\$289
Expired Inspection Sticker	\$222
Expired Operator’s License	\$164
Expired Registration	\$189
Fail to Stop at Designated Point	\$173
Fail to Yield R-O-W – Emergency Vehicle	\$273
Fail to Yield R-O-W - to Stationary Officer	\$248
Failure to Appear	\$214
Junked Vehicle Ordinance	\$214
No Valid Driver’s License on Person	\$164
No Change of Address on Driver’s License	\$164
No Child Safety Seat Under 2 Years Old	\$297
No Child Safety Seat Under 4 Years Old	\$297
No Mud Flaps	\$189
No Proof of Financial Responsibility (Liability Insurance)	\$364
No Seat Belt	\$222
No Seatbelt Child over 4 Under 17 Years Old	\$297
No Truck Route	\$214
Park In Handicapped Zone	\$397
Park in Fire Zone	\$158
Passing School Bus	\$373
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	\$414
Public Intoxication (Alcohol)	\$464
Public Intoxication (other than alcohol)	\$414
Ran Red Light	\$198
Ran Stop Sign	\$198
Theft Under \$50	\$414
Teen Curfew Violation	\$212

For all other fines, please contact the clerk’s office at 817-568-3046 or email a court clerk at bspence@foresthilltx.org

NOTICE:

Your fine will be increased by \$75 or to the maximum amount allowed, which ever is lowest, if you fail to appear by the appearance date on the citation.