

STATE OF OHIO, LORAIN COUNTY, ss. - THE LORAIN MUNICIPAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF
TRAFFIC CASES DURING
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Date 4/21/2020

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, to encourage people to stay out of Court, the Lorain Municipal Court, with the consent and approval the Lorain City Prosecutor's Office, is implementing the following waiver, phone in process for Traffic cases:

This process will apply to all pending Traffic Court cases, and any Traffic case filed in the Court before July 1st, 2020;

All Traffic Court cases can be waived over the phone by calling 440-204-2230 from 9:00 AM EST to 4:00 PM EST Monday through Friday;

If the defendant was charged with violating a State of Ohio statute the charge will be reduced or amended to a State of Ohio statute. Similarly, if the defendant was charged with violating a Local Ordinance (Lorain or Sheffield Lake) the charge will be reduced or amended to a Local Ordinance. Only the following charges apply:

In the event the defendant was charged with Driving Under Suspension (DUS), other than Driving Under an OVI Suspension, the charge will be amended to Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License; the defendant will be found Guilty; a fine of \$ 100.00 will be imposed in addition to any/all court costs; no points will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

In the event the defendant was charged with a Seat Belt violation the waiver fee will be \$30.00 plus any/all court costs.

In the event the defendant was charged with any other traffic offense that would assess 2 points on their Driver's License the charge will be amended to Unsafe Vehicle or a similar zero (0) point offense and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed in addition to any/all court costs.

If the case has multiple charges eligible to be waived the most serious will be the charge that the Guilty plea is entered and all other charges will be dismissed.

All cases that are waived by this process that did not show proof of insurance will be flagged as insurance unknown.

This entry does not apply to Failure to Comply with a Police Order (Fleeing), Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence and Driving Under an OVI Suspension

If the defendant is unable to pay the fine and costs in full they will be eligible to be entered on a payment plan

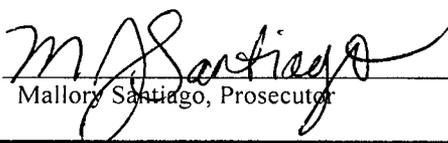
If the defendant elects to maintain/enter a Not Guilty plea, the case will be set for pre-trial no earlier than July 10, 2020.

This order can be amended or revoked at any time by authorization of the Lorain Municipal Court Judges.

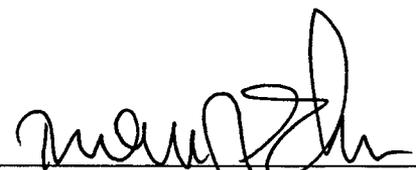
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mark J. Mihok, Administrative Judge



Mallory Santiago, Prosecutor



Thomas J. Elwell, Jr., Presiding Judge