



TRAFFIC FINE SCHEDULE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Lafayette Municipal Court, by reason of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended; the Municipal Court Rules of Procedure, set forth by the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado; and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Lafayette, the Court does hereby adopt this Fine Schedule. This Schedule establishes fines that are payable prior to appearing in court and specifies those offenses which require a mandatory court appearance. This schedule covers traffic violations. ***This is a suggested fine schedule – all fines are assessed at the judge's discretion.***

All tickets shall be assessed a mandatory community justice surcharge of 25% of the original fine pursuant Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-83 and a \$10 Victim Services fee pursuant to Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-82. Court costs of \$10 shall be assessed if the defendant enters a plea by mail, \$30 if a defendant pleads guilty in court, \$40.00 for trial to the court, and \$45.00 for a jury trial. Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-11 and Resolution No. 2021-17, Exhibit A.

MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCES

A defendant must appear if the defendant's case meets the following criteria:

- ✓ All juvenile defendants must appear in court with a parent or guardian
- ✓ The defendant has been charged with two or more violations
- ✓ School Zone and Construction Zone violations
- ✓ Any traffic accident
- ✓ 1402 Careless Driving (4 pts)
- ✓ 1401 Reckless Driving (8 pts)
- ✓ 1101 Speeding 25 mph or higher (6-12 pts)
- ✓ 705 Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle (4 pts)
- ✓ 1903 Failure to Stop for a School Bus (6 pts)
- ✓ 1105(2)(a) Speed Exhibition (5 pts)
- ✓ 1105(1)(a) Speed Contest (12 pts)
- ✓ 1413 Eluding (12 pts)
- ✓ 1409 Compulsory Insurance Required (unless defendant provides POI prior to arraignment date)
- ✓ 115-29/118 Driving Under Restraint

EARLY PAYMENT PLEA BARGAIN

All other cases are eligible for an Early Payment Plea Bargain at the discretion of the police officer. If aggravating circumstances exist, an officer may require a mandatory appearance for any charge, even those that would typically be eligible for an Early Payment Plea Bargain.

The Lafayette Court Administrator and Court Clerks are authorized to assess fines and costs in accordance with the Early Payment Plea Bargain/Plea By Mail Fine Schedule for violations that do not require a mandatory appearance.

This order shall supersede all prior Fine Schedules and amendments thereto and be effective March 15, 2021.

So ordered on March 11, 2021.

Amanda Bailhache
Presiding Municipal Court Judge



TRAFFIC FINE SCHEDULE*

The Court will generally assess the following fines:

Original Point Assessment	Fine
0 point ticket	\$60
1 point ticket	\$80
2 point ticket	\$100
3 point ticket	\$120
4 point ticket	\$140
6 point ticket	\$180

Fines will be based on the original charge rather than the plea-bargained charge. Fines will be doubled if the violation occurs in a construction or school zone.

The Court will review a defendant's driving history and assess a fine based on that history. This fine will be assessed at the Court's discretion. However, typically the Court will assess an additional \$20 fine for every prior offense in the past two years.

When an accident is involved the Court will add an additional \$20 to the fine and it is a Mandatory Appearance.

If the defendant fails to appear at the arraignment and it is a four (4) point or below violation or six (6) point offense of speeding not more than twenty-four (24) miles over the posted speed limit, it will be reported to DMV as a Default Judgment, not a warrant.

Compulsory Insurance Required:

Driving without Compulsory Insurance:

- 1st offense in 5 years - \$500.00 fine; if proof of current insurance is provided the fine may be reduced to \$250.00.
- 2 or more offenses in 5 years - \$1,000.00 fine.

If a defendant fails to appear at the arraignment for Driving without Compulsory Insurance a warrant will be issued for the defendant's arrest.

* CMCR 210 (b) (5) Schedule of Fines. The court, in addition to any other notice, by published order to be prominently posted in a place where fines are to be paid, shall specify by suitable schedules the amount of fines to be imposed for violations, designating each violation specifically in the schedules, such fines shall be within the limits declared by ordinance. Fines and costs shall be paid to, received by, and accounted for by the violations clerk or court clerk in accordance with these rules.



Early Payment Plea Bargain/Plea By Mail Fine Schedule:

The Court orders this schedule of fines shall be implemented for traffic citations. Traffic offenses and fractions are eligible for payment at the Traffic Violations Bureau.

Original Violation: Points & Maximum Possible Fine	Point Reduction	Fine/PP/VS/CJ = Total†
0 pt/Up to \$2650	Plea to original charge	\$60/10/10/15 = \$95.00
1 pt/Up to \$2650	0 pts (227 Obstructed View)	\$80/10/10/20 = \$120.00
2 pts/Up to \$2650	0 pts (227 Obstructed View)	\$100/10/10/25 = \$145.00
3 pts/Up to \$2650	1 pt (205 Defective Headlight)	\$120/10/10/30 = \$170.00
4 pts/Up to \$2650	2 pts (202 Defective Vehicle)	\$140/10/10/35 = \$195.00
6 pts/Up to \$2650	4 pts (703 Failed Stop at Stop Sign)	\$180/10/10/45 = \$245.00

† All tickets shall be assessed a \$10 plea processing fee (PP) pursuant to Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-11 and Resolution No. 2021-17, Exhibit A, a \$10 Victim Services (VS) fee pursuant to Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-82, and a mandatory community justice surcharge (CJ) of 25% of the original fine pursuant Lafayette Municipal Code § 65-83.