Jurisdiction

Cases that are filed in Municipal Court include class 'C' misdemeanor violations including parking, traffic, state codes, and city ordinances.

Traffic Violations

Traffic violations include moving and non-moving violations, commercial vehicle violations, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no drivers' license, etc.

Parking Violations

Parking violations are violations of the traffic code and/or city ordinances and are handled administratively as opposed to being criminal cases.

State Code Violations

Class C misdemeanors (crimes punishable by a maximum fine of \$500) include: public intoxication, theft (less than \$50), disorderly conduct, minors in possession of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, etc.

Violations of City Ordinance

Includes violations of juvenile curfew, park curfew, environmental violations (pollution, land-development violations, health and safety violations associated with food service establishments, rubbish at a residence, and animal violations), etc.

Location and Contact Information

The Court's telephone number is: 972-435-2380

The Court's Physical Address is:

Maypearl Municipal Court

104 E Second Street - Box 400

Maypearl, TX 76064

The Court's Mailing Address is:

Maypearl Municipal Court 104 E Second Street - Box 400 Maypearl, TX 76064

Maypearl Municipal Judge

Danielle Boston

Self Help Resources

Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Department of Public Safety - Driver License Information

Texas Department of Public Safety - Driving Record Request

Home - Texas Court Help State Law Library (texas.gov)

You may call for information Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) from 8am - 5pm

For your convenience, the Court has an online payment option GovRec

Fines and Payments

Payment of your fines is the same as pleading "no contest" and waiving your right to a jury trial. You will be found guilty and the convictions will be reported to the Department of Public Safety (if applicable).

Make Your Payment

You may deliver your payment to the Court in one of five ways.

- 1. Pay your fine online. You can access information about your citation and pay your fine online from the Court's public information website. No partial payments allowed. Only payment in full can be processed online at GovRec
- 2. Bring your payment in person to 104 E Second Street, Maypearl, TX 76064.
- 3. Mail your payment to the Court: 104 E Second Street Box 400, Maypearl, TX 76064.
- 4. If paying by major credit card, you may pay by telephone only if you have entered a plea. Otherwise you can pay online or in person. Court telephone number is 972-435-2380.
- 5. Place your payment in the drop-box located in front of the building. The drop box is accessible after normal operating hours and 24 hours per day on weekends and holidays.

Note: The drop box is NOT for cash payments! We accept payments by money order or major credit card. Online payments are not immediately posted. Online payments will be entered once daily.

Payment Money Order: You may pay your fine with money order in person or by mail. Make your money order payable to The City of Maypearl in the full amount due. Write your ticket number on the money order along with your driver's license number and date of birth. Please indicate if you have an address change.

Payment by Major Credit Card we accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards.

Payment Plan

If a payment plan is desired, a request can be submitted by mail or in person. A one time payment fee of \$15.00 will be added per violation per state law if any amount of the fine is paid after the 30th day. Call the court for details.

Payment Extension

An extension may be granted by request either in person or by mail. An extension is for thirty

days only and no extra fees will be added. Call the court for details.

Requests for Community Service

An appointment with the judge must be set for requests for Community Service.

Failure to Pay by Due Date or Late Payments

If payments are not made by the due date a warrant of arrest may be issued.

Fine Information

Fine information is provided on the Reply Form and Schedule of Fines or by calling the court 972-435-2380.

Resolving Traffic Tickets

The first step to resolving your ticket is to read the instructions on the Reply Form and Schedule of Fines.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUVENILES

If you are under 17 years of age you must appear before a judge with a parent or guardian. A court date to appear before the judge will be mailed to the parent or guardian.

Make a Plea

After you are issued a traffic citation, you must enter a plea by the appearance date located at the bottom of your citation. You have three options you may enter a plea of:

- 1. Nolo Contendere (No Contest)
- 2. Guilty
- 3. Not Guilty

for each violation shown on your ticket.

Please Note: You may enter a plea on each violation by signing the Reply Form and Schedule of Fines. Remember, only the person who received the ticket can sign the plea form. You can make your plea either in person or by mail.

Nolo Contendere (No Contest)

A plea of nolo contendere means that you do not contest the charges filed against you and you are waiving your right to a trial by judge or jury. After you enter a "No Contest" plea, you generally have three options:

 Pay the fine specified for the violation. You may bring or mail the fine payment to the Court, or pay the fine using a credit card online. If you choose this option, you will be found guilty and the conviction will be reported to the Department of Public Safety to place on your driving record.

- You may be eligible to have your ticket dismissed upon successful completion of a driving safety course. You must respond on or before the appearance date of your ticket to be eligible for this option. Please see option 4: Reply Form and Schedule of Fines
- You may be eligible to have your ticket dismissed upon successful completion of deferred disposition. You must request this by mail or in person. Please see option 3: Reply Form and Schedule of Fines

Guilty

By entering a plea of guilty, you admit that the act is prohibited by law, that you committed the act charged, and you are waiving your right to a trial by judge or jury. The same options apply as "no contest". If you choose this option, you will be found guilty and the conviction will be reported to the Department of Public Safety to place on your driving record. Please see option 1: Reply Form and Schedule of Fines

Not Guilty

A plea of not guilty means that you are informing the Court that you are not guilty of the offense in which you were accused. You must plead not guilty by the appearance date located on the bottom of the citation. Upon receipt of your plea, the court will notify you of your court date. When entering a plea of Not Guilty please inform the court whether you want a trial by judge or jury. Please see option 2: Reply Form and Schedule of Fines

Bench and Jury Trials

To reset a court date a request must be made in writing at least 24 hours in advance for a bench trial. Jury Trials will not be reset without a very extreme reason. Only one reset will be granted. If you request a Jury Trial, you will have to attend a pre-jury trial with the city prosecutor before a court date is set.

Defensive Driving and Deferred Disposition

A request for defensive driving can be by mail or in person and must be requested by your due date. Requirements for Defensive Driving:

- 1. Proof of validate insurance
- 2. Current Texas Drivers License
- 3. Defendants cannot have completed a driving safety/ motorcycle course within the 12 months preceding the date of offense.
- 4. Defendants cannot have had a commercial driver's license when the offense occurred.
- 5. Please see option 4: Reply Form and Schedule of Fines

The defendant is not eligible for defensive driving if the offense is: Speeding 95 miles per hour or more;

25 mph or more over limit;

Duty to give Information and aid (leaving the scene of accident);

Accident involving damage to vehicle (vehicle is driven or attended) (Leaving scene of accident);

Overtaking and passing a school bus;

An offense committed in a construction zone while workers are present A serious traffic violation (Defined by Section 522.003(25) T.C.).

Note: Defendants charged with failing to secure a child in child passenger safety seat must complete a special driving safety class that includes four hours instruction on child restraints. The defendant will have 90 days to complete defensive driving and return the certificate and driving record to the court. No extensions will be granted. Defendant must not have been cited at the same stop for any other offense.

Deferred Disposition

A request for deferred can be made by mail or in person. Deferred has a probation period of 90 days unless otherwise stated by the judge. Defendant cannot have a commercial Drivers license. If defendant is younger than age 25 the judge must as a term of deferred, require the defendant to take a driving safety course.

Compliance Dismissals

Certain violations can be dismissed with a penalty fee upon compliance:

Expired Inspection Sticker (less than 60 days) – 20 working days to comply - \$20 dismissal fee Expired Drivers License – 20 working days to comply - \$20 dismissal fee

Registration Sticker – 20 working days to comply – \$20 dismissal fee – Proof of payment of the penalty assessed by the Tax Assessor Collector must be presented or this violation will not be dismissed.

Fail to Report Change of Address – 20 working days to comply - \$20 dismissal fee Fail to Display Drivers License - \$10 dismissal fee

Other compliance dismissals can be dismissed by the judge. Call the court with any questions.

What Happens If I Do Not Make a Plea or Ignore My Ticket?

If you fail to make a plea for each violation shown on your ticket, a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Court-Issued Warrants

The Court will issue a warrant when:

You fail to make a plea to violations shown on your ticket

You fail to comply with the Orders of a Judge

You do not complete a payment plan or fail to make payments as promised.

Failure to Make a Plea

If you fail to make a plea to each violation on your ticket by your due date, the Court will:

1. Issue a warrant for your arrest (additional \$50.00 fee)

- 2. Charge the Standard Fine amount.
- 3. Send a request to the Texas Department of Public Safety for Denial of Driver License Renewal and a \$10.00 fee may be added
- 4. Refer your case to a collection agency after 60 days with a possible 30% fee added to the amount owed.

Failure to Meet the Orders of a Judge

If you have appeared before a judge and have agreed to a payment plan, community service or other judicial orders, you must complete these orders as specified or a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

Resolving a Warrant

Your warrant may be cancelled if you plead "no contest" or "guilty" to the warrant charge and pay the fine. You must speak to the court about any payment arrangements.

If you want to plead Not Guilty to a charge after an arrest warrant has been issued, you must come to the Court to post the required bond and to obtain a Court trial date.

Getting Specific Information about Outstanding Warrants

To find out whether you have an outstanding warrant, you may call our Court at 972-435-2380.

Danell Winter

City Secretary 972-435-2380 Email

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Directions

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View in Google Maps

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