

**TRAFFIC SENTENCING GUIDE:  
NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Description	Court	Penalty	Total
Cell Phones Prohibited	\$56	\$200	\$256
Cell Phones Prohibited-School Zone	\$56	\$300	\$356
Child Restraint	\$56	\$100	\$156
Destructive Material on Roadway/ Failure to Secure Load	\$56	\$100	\$156
Dimming of Lights	\$56	\$25	\$81
Driving Vehicle on Or Across Bicycle Lane/Path	\$56	\$25	\$81
Driving on Divided Streets	\$56	\$25	\$81
Driving on Right Side of Street	\$56	\$25	\$81
Entering Stop/Yield Intersection	\$56	\$25	\$81
Failure to Signal	\$56	\$25	\$81
Failure to Stop	\$56	\$25	\$81
Failure to Stop at Railroad Crossing	\$56	\$150	\$206
Failure to Yield	\$56	\$25	\$81
Failure to Yield; Right of Way	\$56	\$25	\$81
Flashing Signals	\$56	\$25	\$81
Following too Closely	\$56	\$25	\$81
Headlamps on Vehicles	\$56	\$25	\$81
Improper Turn	\$56	\$25	\$81
Improper Opening of Doors	\$56	\$25	\$81
Jay Walking	\$56	\$25	\$81
Lamp or Flag on Projecting Load	\$56	\$25	\$81
Limitations on Backing/Improper Backing	\$56	\$25	\$81
Limitation on Overtaking on the Left	\$56	\$25	\$81
Limitations on Turning Around/Illegal U-Turn	\$56	\$25	\$81
Littering	\$56	\$300	\$356
Motorist Turning Across Bicycle Path	\$56	\$25	\$81
Mufflers, Prevention of Noise	\$56	\$25	\$81
No Passing Zone/Restrictions on Passing	\$56	\$25	\$81
Obedience to No-Turn Signs	\$56	\$25	\$81
Obedience to Traffic Control Devices	\$56	\$25	\$81
Open Container (1st Offense)	\$56	\$100	\$156
Overtaking a Vehicle on the Left	\$56	\$25	\$81
Overtaking a Vehicle on the Right	\$56	\$25	\$81
Passing a School Bus/Not Stopping	\$56	\$100	\$156
Permitting Unauthorized Persons to Drive	\$56	\$25	\$81

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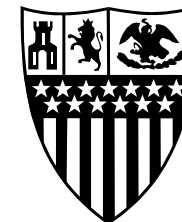
Description	Court	Penalty	Total
Plate Light Required	\$56	\$10	\$66
Prohibited Acts While Driving	\$56	\$200	\$256
Prohibited Acts While Driving-School Zone	\$56	\$300	\$356
Red Light	\$56	\$25	\$81
Required Position Method of Turning	\$56	\$25	\$81
Seatbelt Violation	\$56	\$100	\$156
Special Stops Required	\$56	\$25	\$81
Starting a Parked Vehicle	\$56	\$25	\$81
Stop Lamps/Brake Lamps	\$56	\$25	\$81
Stopping for School Bus	\$56	\$100	\$156
Streets Laned for Traffic	\$56	\$25	\$81
Tail Lamps	\$56	\$25	\$81
Tinted Windows	\$56	\$25	\$81
Turn/Stop Movements & Required Signals	\$56	\$25	\$81
Turning Left at Intersection	\$56	\$25	\$81
Unattended Motor Vehicle	\$56	\$25	\$81
Unsafe Equipment (Brakes)	\$56	\$25	\$81
Vehicle Approaching/Entering Intersection	\$56	\$25	\$81
Vehicle Entering Stop or Yield Intersection	\$56	\$25	\$81
Vehicle Turning Left at Intersection	\$56	\$25	\$81
Windshield Violations	\$56	\$25	\$81
When Lighted Lamps are Required	\$56	\$25	\$81

**COURT POLICIES**

- \* No weapons, backpacks or large bags in the Courthouse
- \* No cell phones, camera/audio-capable devices, or electronics
- \* No gum, food or drink
- \* Proper attire should be worn - shoes are required
- \* No shorts, tank tops, pajamas or sunglasses unless prescribed
- \* No hats - must be removed before entering courtroom
- \* No conversations while court is in session
- \* No newspapers or reading material allowed in courtroom
- \* Only service animals are allowed
- \* Decorum in courtroom is to be respected
- \* Address the Judge as "Your Honor" or by title "Judge"

Walk-ins are Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the court sessions of 8:30am and 10am.

Regular scheduled cases will have priority to appear first in the session, followed by walk-ins, as time permits



**CITY OF SANTA FE  
MUNICIPAL COURT**

**TRAFFIC CITATION INFORMATION**

A Traffic Arraignment is a court hearing, which will be held at 2511 Camino Entrada in Santa Fe. This will be your opportunity to see a judge and resolve your traffic citation(s). Please bring your citation(s) and documents with you to court.

The date and time of your Traffic Arraignment will be indicated on the bottom of your citation. You must appear in court on that date and time, unless you resolve your citation(s) by 4:00 p.m. the day before your Traffic Arraignment date.

You may resolve your citation(s) by:

1. Paying your citation(s); or
2. Providing documentation, which will permit the court to dismiss your citation(s).

Each of these are discussed in this brochure.

**COURTHOUSE HOURS FOR PAYMENT  
MON - FRI 8:00A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

If the officer was unable to give you a Traffic Arraignment date, you must come in to Municipal Court to set a date. This must be done within 10 days from the date you received your citation(s).

We recommend you arrive 30 minutes earlier than scheduled as the earlier you check-in, the sooner you will be seen.

**PAYING YOUR CITATION(S)**

Pay your citation(s) in advance of your Traffic Arraignment date by mailing your payment along with your citation(s) to:

City of Santa Fe Municipal Court  
2511 Camino Entrada  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Your payment must be received before your Traffic Arraignment date. The court is not responsible for mail delays. You may pay in person at the Santa Fe Municipal Court. The Municipal Court does take MasterCard, Visa and Discover credit card payments, along with cash, checks and money orders.

If the "Penalty Assessment" box is checked on your citation, you must pay the penalty assessment by mail or in person at the Santa Fe Municipal Court at 2511 Camino Entrada in Santa Fe.

If the "Court Appearance" box is checked on your citation, you must appear in person at the Municipal Court on the date indicated on your citation. Your license will be suspended and a bench warrant may be issued if you do not appear.

**DO NOT MAIL COURT APPEARANCE OR TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENT CITATIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION (MVD)**

Moving violations, seatbelt violations, child restraint violations and certain speeding violations have points associated with them. Points may affect your privilege to drive and/or your insurance rate. Points will not be added to your driving record if you attend Defensive Driving School. The cost to attend ranges between \$40-\$70.

Your license will be suspended and/or a bench warrant may be issued if you do not appear in Court or if you fail to attend Defensive Driving, if ordered by the Court.

**The following amounts reflect the current city ordinance fines, calming fees and \$56 in court costs when paid at the Municipal Court:**

<b>SPEEDING</b>	<b>Fine &amp; Fees</b>
1 to 10 miles over .....	\$86
11 to 15 miles over .....	\$116
16 to 20 miles over .....	\$186
21 to 25 miles over .....	\$256
26 to 30 miles over .....	\$306
31 to 35 miles over .....	\$356
36 miles and over .....	\$456
Speeding in a School Zone .....	\$398

**Fines are doubled for construction zones**

**TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS**

The following charges carry penalties of up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$300 fine plus \$56 court costs. Court Appearance is required for the following charges:

- Careless Driving/Driver Inattention
- Failure to Render Aid/Duty to Give Info
- Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles
- Fleeing or Attempting to Elude an Officer
- Immediate Notice of Accident
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- Motorized Vehicle in Open Space (ATV)
- Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (ATV)
- Open Container 2nd, 3rd, etc...
- Pedestrian Related Violations
- Racing on Streets/Drag Racing/Exhibition of Speed
- Reckless Driving

Unlawful Use of a License (Suspended)  
Mandatory 4 days in Jail

Unlawful Use of a License (Revoked)  
Mandatory 7 days in Jail  
Mandatory \$300 fine plus \$56 court costs

A Court Appearance is required when no documentation is provided for the following violations:

Description	Fines & Fees		
	1st	2nd	3rd
No Insurance	\$156	\$256	\$356
No Registration (Proof Of)	\$156	\$256	\$356
No Registration (Display Of)	\$156	\$256	\$356
Driver's License Required	\$156	\$256	\$356

**PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION FOR DISMISSAL**

You may have your citation(s) dismissed if you present the following documents to the Santa Fe Municipal Court, no later than 4:00pm the day before your traffic arraignment date.

**No Registration/No License Plate**

Bring the registration card that indicated you had registration on the date and time of the issuance of the citation

**No Driver's License**

Proof of your valid NM driver's license

**No Insurance Citation**

Bring the registration card that indicated you had registration on the date and time of the issuance of the citation

*At the time your insurance card is presented, court staff may contact your insurance company to verify coverage.*

**Deferred Disposition Requirements**

The court offers the option to "defer" the disposition of your case. Conditions of your deferral must be met in order to dismiss your case. The court looks at what you've been charged with, the facts of your case, and your criminal history in determining if you are eligible for a deferral.

If all conditions are met, your case will be dismissed.

If not, a guilty finding will be on your record.

**Non-Eligibility:**

You are **not** eligible for a deferral disposition on a moving violation if you have a **commercial driver's license (CDL)**, even if the violation occurred while you were driving a private vehicle.