# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the <u>Presiding Judge's Order</u>, the Carol Miller Justice Center generally remains closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

All traffic hearings are being held exclusively via the internet using Zoom, a video conference application. In-person appearances are not allowed at this time.

There are many options to resolve your case without an appearance (see below). If an appearance is needed, please see the information on the next page under "How to resolve your case by appearing in Court."

Please note that the Carol Miller Justice Center is only open for DUI appearances, and only parties scheduled for these hearings will be permitted to enter the building.

# How to resolve your case without appearing in Court:

#### 1. Pay in Full

- Pay online with a credit card at <a href="https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic">https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic</a>. (Proof of correction cannot be provided via the internet)
- Pay with a check or money order made payable to the Sacramento Superior Court. The total fine due must be received by the due date. Postmarks are not accepted.
- You may remit your payment via mail to the Traffic Division at the address displayed above. A payment drop box is also available outside of the building and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the due date. The dropbox is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## 2. Pay in Full and Request Traffic Violator School

You may request to attend Traffic Violator School for eligible vehicle code violations at <a href="https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic">https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic</a>. An administrative fee of \$52.00 will be applicable and a fee will also be assessed by the school attended. You will have the option to pay the fine in full at the time Traffic Violator School is elected or to delay payment for 90 days. Upon completion of Traffic Violator School, a completion certificate will be electronically submitted to the Court.

#### 3. Set up Monthly Payments

- Agree to make monthly payments via a payment plan at <a href="https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic">https://services.sacCourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic</a>.
- You may also request payments, by speaking with a clerk via the Virtual Public Counter or over the phone
- During the COVID-19 Court closure; no down payment will be required.

#### 4. Submit Proof of Correction

- You may reduce the total fine by providing certification that an eligible violation has been corrected. An administrative fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for each violation. If the officer has marked the "Yes" box under the correctable violation section of your citation, that violation(s) is eligible for correction.
- You can show proof of your correction via the Traffic Virtual Counter.
- If you are submitting proof of correction via mail, it must be received by the due date. Postmarks are not accepted.
  - Insurance violations for VC 16028(a) are always eligible for correction and must be certified by the Court. Valid proof of insurance on your vehicle or yourself at the time of the citation will reduce your bail to \$25.00. Valid proof of insurance on your vehicle or yourself purchased after the date of the citation will reduce your bail to as low as \$480.00.
- Smog control device violations of VC 27150 and VC 27151 must be certified by a State Referee Center.

# How to resolve your case by appearing in Court:

#### 5. Appear via Video Conference

- Video arraignments are held each day Monday Friday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
- You will be required to download Zoom, a video conference application, and to participate using a device that has audio and video capabilities.
- To request to appear by video conference, contact the Traffic Virtual Public Counter or the Traffic Call Center

#### 6. Request a Court Trial by Mail (Applicable to Infraction Violations Only)

 You may avoid appearing at arraignment by submitting a written intent to plead not guilty along with arequest for Court trial. You must send the full bail amount plus any required proof of correction. You will receive a written verification of your Court trial date. Your request must be received by the due date. Postmarks are not accepted.

## 7. Request a Trial by Written Declaration (Applicable to Infraction Violations Only)

Submit a request for Trial by Written Declaration pursuant to VC 40902, full bail amount, and any required proof of
correction. If your citation meets the requirements as noted at <a href="www.sacCourt.ca.gov/Traffic">www.sacCourt.ca.gov/Traffic</a> you will be mailed a packet of
forms to complete. Your request must be received by the due date. Postmarks are not accepted.

# 8. Payment Arrangements through Community Service

You may request to perform community service in lieu of paying your fine. A clerk may grant community service for non-mandatory infraction cases; however, the request must be made during arraignment for mandatory infraction and misdemeanor cases. If your case qualifies and your request is granted, you may be required to pay court fees as well as community service registration and daily fees. Program fees will be based on your ability to pay.

Contact the Traffic Call Center at (916) 669-5712 to speak to a Clerk over the phone. Hours: Monday - Friday 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday - 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., reduced hours on some holidays.



**To speak with a Traffic Clerk at the Virtual Public Counter via Zoom,** using the camera or QR code reader on your smartphone, scan the QR code to the right or enter the meeting ID 588 771 2525 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding <u>Court holidays</u>.