

Roadmap to Resolution

1. You've been charged with a fine only misdemeanor. You have options in how you respond. You can enter a plea in person, by mail, or through counsel.

2(A) You can enter a plea of not guilty, and you will be set for a bench or jury trial.

2(B) You can enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest). Additionally, if you pay an amount accepted by the court (as specified in the fine schedule), it will be interpreted as a no contest plea.

3(A) Judgment and Sentence will be entered, triggering your obligation to pay.

3(B) Probationary options *may* be available (Deferred Disposition, Driving Safety Course, or Teen Court).

4(A) You may pay sentence in full.

4(B) If you have an inability to pay (indigence) or if you are a child defendant, you may be given alternative means of discharging the fine and costs.

Successful completion of probation leads to dismissal.

Failure to complete probation may lead to conviction and sentence.

5(A)
Community
Service

5(B)
Payment
Plan

5(C)
Tutoring
(only for
school
offenses)