

TRIALS

There is no continuance policy in effect for trial dates. The trial date issued by the Judge during your arraignment is set. You will be required to appear on this date and may bring any witnesses you may have.

If, after trial, you are found not to have violated the law, the matter will be dismissed and no money will be owed. There will then be No traffic violation on your driving record.

If you are found guilty of the violation, a judgment will be entered and you will be ordered to pay fines and court costs. All fines and costs are payable immediately after trial.

APPEALS

You have the right to appeal any judgment of the Burrillville Municipal Court to the appellate panel of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

To do so, you must file the Notice of Appeal within 10 days of judgment. There is a filing fee of \$25.

The appellate panel will obtain copies of the original citation, the judges ruling, and an audiotape of the trial. They will then review the records to determine if the judgment made was in accordance with the law. There will not be a new trial or evidentiary hearing unless remanded back to the trial court for further hearing.

See the court clerk for a copy of the appeal brochure issued by RITT.

BURRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

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NOTE:

***Burrillville Municipal Court
sessions are held on the first and
third Tuesday of each month at
6pm***

***COURT COSTS ARE \$35 PER
APPEARANCE. PER RHODE
ISLAND GENERAL LAW, COSTS
FOR USE OF GOOD DRIVING
STATUTE ARE \$60.***

BURRILLVILLE



MUNICIPAL COURT

LISA RABIDEAU
Clerk of the Court

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

THIS PAMPHLET IS AN
EXPLANATION OF YOUR
RIGHTS AND THE
PROCEDURES FOLLOWED
BY THE BURRILLVILLE
MUNICIPAL COURT.

YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH A CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION

The ticket you received is a legal document charging you with one or more traffic violations. Your summons outlines the offense for which you were charged, whether or not it is payable by mail prior to your court date, and/or if you must appear in municipal court.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

1. Read the ticket carefully and consider your options
2. If your ticket has a fine listed, you may pay the fine in person, or by mail, up until the court date listed.
3. On a pay-by-mail ticket, you may also choose to appear in court to contest the ticket, or ask the judge to use your good driving record. If you choose this option, you do not need to send your ticket in prior to court.
4. If the word "hearing" is listed in the payment amount area, you do not have the option to pay this ticket in advance and must appear in court on the scheduled date. Court costs of \$35 will be assessed for each court appearance.
5. You always have the right to contact a private attorney to represent you in this matter.

PAYING IN ADVANCE

The main benefits of paying your ticket in advance of your court date are that you will save money by not having court costs assessed, and you will not have to physically appear in court..

Pay by Mail

Place the ticket in the green envelope provided and enclose a personal check, bank check, or money order made payable to the ***Burrillville Municipal Court***. Be sure to include your summons number on your check. If you do not have this envelope, the mailing address is on the back of this flyer.

Do not make your check payable to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

Pay in Person

You may pay your ticket in person at the Municipal Court Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-Noon or 1pm-4pm. If you prefer, you may drop off payment any time, 24 hours a day, in the secured drop box located inside the Burrillville Police Department lobby. This box is emptied and payments are posted during normal court hours

Note that all payments must be in the form of cash, check or money order.

***THE BURRILLVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT
DOES NOT ACCEPT DEBIT OR CREDIT
CARDS***

Good Driving Record

(RI General Law 31-41.1-7)

If you have a good driving record, you may request that your summons be dismissed upon payment court costs by pleading guilty with a good driving record. You must appear in municipal court to request this procedure. "Good Driving Record" means that you have not received a moving violation within three years prior to the current violation. If you have not had your license for three years, or if you have a Commercial Drivers License, you may not utilize the Good Driver Statute. If you meet the requirements and your plea is accepted by the court, you will be assessed a fee of \$60 and the violation will be dismissed.

Out of state drivers must go to the motor vehicle division in their home state and obtain a certified copy of their driving record and bring it with them to court.

Payment of Fines And Costs

Fines, costs and assessments must be paid immediately.

If you are unable to pay at the end of the trial, a payment schedule may be established.

Failure to pay fines and costs will result in a loss of your driver's license and/or loss of your auto registration

Note: Court costs are \$35 for each appearance. When using the Good Driver Statute, an additional \$25 state fee will be assessed.