

Press Release:

Pay Traffic Citations Online at Courthouse

In an ongoing campaign to make it easier for the public to do business with the Clerk's Office, Dwight E. Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court, announced today that two new public kiosks have been installed in the Traffic Department on the first floor of the main courthouse. The new kiosks accept online payments using a debit or credit card for any traffic citation issued in Collier County. There is a convenience fee of \$.50 paid to the Clerk's Office; and 2.95% charge based on the fine amount (with a minimum charge of \$2.00) paid to Point and Pay, the online service provider.

In addition, the public can check the status of their driver's license at the kiosk by clicking on the link to the Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

The public kiosks are expected to help shorten the lines at the Traffic Department counters by providing additional options to the public who want to pay traffic fines using a debit or credit card. Traffic citations can also be paid online at the Clerk's official website CollierClerk.com or in person at any of the 8 satellite offices in Collier County.

There were 80,658 traffic tickets processed by the Clerk's Traffic Department in 2007. But before paying a citation, the public needs to be aware of the three options available to them and then decide which one is best for them. The Clerk wants the public to understand however, that once they have selected an option, they cannot change their mind.

The three options available are written on a Traffic Citation Options form often provided to a driver by the officer at the time the ticket is issued. It is also printed on the ticket itself. Handouts explaining the options are also available in the Traffic Department and are listed on the Traffic page on CollierClerk.com.

The three options are:

[Option 1 – Pay*](#) By paying the Traffic Civil Penalty, you are admitting guilt and DHSMV will assess points on your driving record for moving violations.

[Option 2 – School*](#) If you elect the Basic Driver Improvement Course option, adjudication is withheld, the base cost of the citation may be adjusted, and DHSMV will not assess points against your driving record. A course completion form must be returned to the Clerk's Office to complete Option 2.

[Option 3 - Request A Court Hearing*](#) You must complete and submit a Traffic Citation Option form to the Traffic Department to request a court hearing. When you request a court hearing, you give up your right to pay the civil penalty amount and you give up your right to elect the driving school option.

If you are found guilty, however, you may in some cases, be fined up to \$1,000, plus court costs. You may obtain the form to request a court hearing at the Traffic Department or go to CollierClerk.com and click on “Court Divisions”, then “Traffic”, then “Forms”.

If you do not select an option within 30 days, then, the only option available to you is to pay the citation amount.

For more information go to CollierClerk.com and Click on “Court Divisions”, then “Traffic”.

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