

TITLE 3
MUNICIPAL COURT¹

CHAPTER

1. COURT COSTS.
2. BONDS.

CHAPTER 1**COURT COSTS****SECTION**

- 3-101. Fines and costs for violations of municipal ordinances.
- 3-102. Failure to appear.

3-101. Fines and costs for violations of municipal ordinances. The existing schedule of fines and costs for violations of municipal ordinances are as follows:

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FINE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Speeding	\$25.00 plus \$1.00 per mile	\$100.00	\$125.00 plus mileage
Improper parking	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Improper passing	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Illegally dumping trash or garbage	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Excessive noise	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Off highway -- vehicles on public roads	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Light law violation	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Open container (beer)	\$15.00	\$100.00	\$115.00
Open container (whiskey)	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Failure to yield	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Following close	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Failure to stop (stop sign)	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Child restraint 16 and under	\$50.00	.00	\$ 50.00
Seat belt law 17 and above first offense	\$10.00	.00	\$ 10.00

¹Charter references
City Judge--City Court: § 6-4-301.

Seat belt law 17 and above			
second offense	\$20.00	.00	\$ 20.00
Failure to appear	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Other violations not listed	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$125.00

(Ord. #____, April 1983, modified, as amended by Ord. #4, March 1995, and replaced by Ord. #3-101-A, Dec. 2006, and Ord. #3-101-A, Feb. 2017 *Ch4_10-2-18*)

3-102. Failure to appear. (1) It is unlawful and a violation of the ordinances of the city for any person to knowingly fail to appear in Minor Hill municipal court as directed by lawful authority if the person:

(a) Has been lawfully issued a citation of the city commanding such person to appear before the municipal court.

(b) Has given a written promise to appear in the municipal court to a lawful officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, unless such person elects to forfeit the prescribed cash bond or deposit accepted by the city or unless the citation is otherwise dismissed.

(2) Failure to appear before the municipal court is a separate offense and violation of ordinance from the offense or violation of ordinance for which the defendant failed to appear.

(3) Failure to appear is a civil offense punishable by a civil penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00). The civil penalty prescribed by this section shall be in addition to any other penalty prescribed by the laws of this state or by the municipal code of ordinances. (as added by Ord. #3-102, Feb. 2017 *Ch4_10-2-18*)

CHAPTER 2

BONDS

SECTION

3-201. Appearance bonds authorized.

3-201. Appearance bonds authorized. (1) Deposit allowed. Whenever any person lawfully possessing a chauffeur's or operator's license theretofore issued to him by the Tennessee Department of Safety, or under the driver licensing laws of any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, is issued a citation or arrested and charged with the violation of any city ordinance or state statute regulating traffic, except those ordinances and statutes, the violation of which call for the mandatory revocation of a operator's or chauffeur's license for any period of time, such person shall have the option of depositing his chauffeur's or operator's license with the officer or court demanding bail in lieu of any other security required for his appearance in the city court of this city in answer to such charge before said court.

(2) Receipt to be issued. Whenever any person deposits his chauffeur's or operator's license as provided, either the officer or the court demanding bail as described above, shall issue the person a receipt for the license upon a form approved or provided by the department of safety, and thereafter the person shall be permitted to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state during the pendency of the case in which the license was deposited. The receipt shall be valid as a temporary driving permit for a period not less than the time necessary for an appropriate adjudication of the matter in the city court, and shall state such period of validity on its face.

(3) Failure to appear - disposition of license. In the event that any driver who has deposited his chauffeur's or operator's license in lieu of bail fails to appear in answer to the charges filed against him, the clerk or judge of the city court accepting the license shall forward the same to the Tennessee Department of Safety for disposition by said department in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 55-50-801, et seq. (Ord. #5, May 1972, modified)