

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

As the officer indicated, Florida law gives you three options regarding your citation. You must exercise one of the three during the next 30 days, or be subject to a late fee and other possible action, including suspension of your driver license. Your three options are:

## **OPTION 1: Pay The Civil Penalty and Receive the Points, Within 30 Days of Receipt of the Citation.**

*Please select one of the following payment methods:*

- **Pay via the internet using a credit card at:** [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com)  
Note: For fine amount, see back page of this flyer. An additional transaction fee will be assessed. Internet may not be used if citation payment is past due.
- **Pay by telephone using a credit card call:** (772) 288-5545 Note: For fine amount, see back page of this flyer. An additional transaction fee will be assessed. Internet may not be used if citation payment is past due. If you need additional time to pay, ask the Clerk for information about establishing a payment plan.
- **Pay by mail:** Mail your check or money order to the address below. For fine amount see back page of this flyer. **Make check payable to the Clerk of the Court.** Be sure to write your citation number on your check or money order.

Mailing address: Clerk of the Court  
Attention: Traffic Division  
P.O. Box 9016  
Stuart FL 34995

- **Pay in person at the following locations:**

Clerk of the Court  
Martin County Courthouse  
100 East Ocean Blvd.  
Stuart, FL 34994

Clerk of the Court  
Hobe Sound Branch  
11730 SE Federal Hwy  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Clerk of the Court  
Indiantown Branch  
16550 SW Warfield Blvd.  
Indiantown, FL

Hours: *M-F 8:00am to 5:00pm*

*M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm*

*T & TH only 8:00am to 4:30pm*

*Closed daily 12:00pm to 1:00pm*

## **OPTION 2: Contest the Citation With-in 30 Days of Receipt of the Citation:**

- **Write to the Clerk of the Court and request a hearing to contest the citation. Mail request to the mailing address listed above.**

Please make sure you provide your mailing address and a phone number on your written request. If you request a hearing, the penalty is not limited to the fine amount noted on this sheet. If the court determines that you committed the offense, the judge may impose a fine up to \$1,000.00, depending on the offense, and/or require you to attend driving school. You will be notified in writing of the time and date of your hearing. If you cannot appear in person, you must file a sworn Affidavit of Defense and post a cash bond (cash, money order, cashier's check only) in the amount of the citation.

## **OPTION 3: Elect the Driver Improvement Course and receive no points:**

- **With-in 30 days of receiving the citation, notify the Clerk in writing of your decision to attend traffic school. You may use the *School Election Affidavit* located at the bottom of the back page of this flyer. You must pay the fine at the same time you notify the Clerk of your option to attend traffic school. Pursuant to Florida Statute 318.14(9), you are eligible for traffic school if:**
  1. You do not have a CDL license.
  2. You may only elect school 5 times a lifetime.
  3. You may elect school if you have not elected to attend school within the last 12 months.

- Once you have elected school and paid your fine you will be given an additional 60 days to complete the course and provide the Clerk with proof of completion. If you elect this option, and fail to complete the course within the time allowed, it will result in suspension of your driver's license, points will be assessed, and additional fines will be imposed.

**MARTIN COUNTY FINES AND COSTS SCHEDULE:** Note: Please select the correct fine amount based on your option (i.e. just paying the fine, or paying the fine and attending Driver Improvement School).

<b>Charge:</b>	<b>Fine (Not attending school)</b>	<b>Fine - Attending School</b>	<b>School an Option:</b>
Moving Violation	\$163.00	\$170.00	Yes
Non Moving Violation	\$113.00	n/a	No
Speeding 1-9 mph over limit	\$128.00	\$135.00	Yes
Speeding Construction/School Zone 1-9 mph over limit	\$ 153.00	\$160.00	Yes
Speeding 10-14 mph over limit	\$203.00	\$210.00	Yes
Speeding Construction/School Zone 10-14 mph over limit	\$303.00	\$310.00	Yes
Speeding 15-19 mph over limit	\$253.00	\$260.00	Yes
Speeding Construction/School Zone 15-19 mph over limit	\$403.00	\$410.00	Yes
Speeding 20-29 mph over limit	\$278.00	\$285.00	Yes
Speeding Construction/School Zone 20-29 mph over limit	\$453.00	\$460.00	Yes
Speeding 30 mph over limit & higher	Mandatory Court	Mandatory Court	NO
Speeding Construction/School Zone 30 mph over limit & higher	Mandatory Court	Mandatory Court	NO
Ran Red Light	\$261.00	\$268.00	Yes
Child Restraint	\$163.00	\$227.00	Yes
Move Over Act	\$133.00	\$140.00	Yes

**If Electing Traffic School, Complete the Traffic School Affidavit below and Pay the Fine Noted Above :**

**SCHOOL ELECTION AFFIDAVIT:**

Citation # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am eligible and elect to attend a 4 hour basic driver course, pursuant to section 318.14(9) Florida Statutes, because I have not elected a course within the past 12 months, or 5 times in my lifetime and I do not have a CDL License.

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear or affirm that I am eligible for the option stated above. I am pleading no contest to the charge. I will have 60 days to attend and turn in a school completion to the Clerk.

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Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

**IMPORTANT: You must return the School Election Affidavit along with your fine to the Clerk's Office within 30 days of receiving your citation.**