



# CITY OF HOUSTON MUNICIPAL COURTS

## SCHEDULE OF FINES

(Effective December 2011)



Fine amounts include all Court costs as mandated by the State legislature.  
**(FINE AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

***For Fine Amounts not listed call:***  
311 / (713) 837-0311

***For the Hearing Impaired call:***  
(713) 247-8591 for (TDD) access

### **SPEEDING VIOLATIONS:**

<u>M.P.H. OVER LIMIT</u>	<u>SPEEDING: POSTED ZONE</u>	<u>SPEEDING: SCHOOL ZONE</u>	<u>SPEEDING: CONSTRUCTION ZONE (workers present)</u>
1 - 5 m.p.h.	\$192	\$222	\$237
6 - 9 m.p.h.	\$202	\$242	\$262
10 - 14 m.p.h.	\$227	\$257	\$297
15 - 19 m.p.h.	\$252	\$277	\$382
20 - 29 m.p.h.	\$277	\$302	\$432
30 or more m.p.h.	\$302	\$327	\$502

### **VIOLATIONS: NO ACCIDENT INVOLVED:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Change Lanes Not in Safety	\$197
Driving at Night Without Lights	\$187
Failure to Establish Financial Responsibility	\$277
Failure to Obey Must Turn Sign/Signal	\$182
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	\$202
HOV Lane Violations	\$177
No Registration Receipt for Commercial Truck/Trailer	\$157
No Driver's License	\$207
Running a Red Light or a Stop Sign	\$237

**VIOLATIONS: ACCIDENT INVOLVED:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
All Moving Violations with Accident	\$277

**SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Seat Belt- Adult	\$152
Seat Belt- Adult ( <i>Commercial Vehicle</i> )	\$174
Seat Belt- Child/Safety Seat	\$127

**MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
As Parent/Guardian Allow Minor to Violate Curfew Hours	\$242
Consumption of Alcohol on Unlicensed Premises	\$232
Disorderly Conduct/Abusive Language or Threat	\$322
Failure to Appear in Court	\$232
Failure to Possess Paid Fare Public Transportation ( <i>Self</i> )	\$187
Failure to Possess Paid Fare Public Transportation ( <i>Dependent</i> )	\$187
Fighting in a Public Place	\$322
Misdemeanor Assault	\$327
Misdemeanor Theft	\$327
Noise in Public or Private ( <i>City Ordinance</i> )	\$257
Open Container of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle	\$272
Peddlers Ordinance: Selling Goods Without Vendor License	\$197
Possession of Fireworks	\$819
Public Intoxication	\$262
Sign Ordinance Violation	\$487
Urinate/Defecate in a Public Place	\$207

**ANIMAL VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Failure to Surrender Rabid Animal to Health Officer	\$572
Failure to Vaccinate Dog/Cat	\$112
No Dog/Cat License	\$112
Operate Kennel Without a License	\$257
Other Animal Violations	\$112

**FOOD ESTABLISHMENT VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Failure to Control Insects/Rodents	\$282
Failure to Display Permit	\$572
Failure to Keep Food Free From Contamination	\$377
Food at Improper Temperature	\$377
Make Ice in Unapproved Ice Machine	\$282
No Food Dealers Permit	\$572

**BUILDING CODE/LITTER VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Accumulation of Weeds, Brush or Rubbish	\$327
Allow Trash to Remain at Curbside Prior to Schedule	\$247
Deposit Litter Unlawfully	\$242
Failure to Obtain Certificate of Occupancy	\$857
Failure to Obtain Uncompacted Combustible Waste Permit	\$819
Failure as Owner/Occupant to Remove Trees/Building Materials	\$377

**VIOLATIONS THAT MAY BE DISMISSED WITH PROOF OF COMPLIANCE:**

See Court's webpage on dismissal of violations by post-compliance action:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/courts/TicketDismissal.html>

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u></b>
Defective Equipment Violations (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$132
Driver's License Restriction Code Violation (No Corrective Lenses) (Code "A")	\$219
Failure to Change Address on Drivers License	\$107
No Auto Liability Insurance (1 <sup>st</sup> Offense)	\$277
No Auto Liability Insurance (2 <sup>nd</sup> /Subsequent Offenses) **	\$500
No Drivers License (includes no motorcycle endorsement)	\$217
No Vehicle Inspection Sticker (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$132
No Vehicle Registration (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$132

**\*\* A second or subsequent conviction of an offense under the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act for no liability insurance will result in the suspension of your Driver's License and denial of automobile registration unless you file and maintain proof of financial responsibility with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for two years from the date of conviction. DPS may waive the requirement to file proof of financial responsibility if you submit satisfactory evidence with DPS reflecting that at the time the citation was issued, the vehicle was covered by a valid liability insurance policy, or that you were otherwise exempt from the requirement to provide evidence of financial responsibility.**

## **POINTS ASSESSED:**

A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this State or a political subdivision of this State may result in the assessment of a surcharge on your driver's license under the Driver Responsibility Program.

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>POINTS ASSESSED</u> (per event)</b>
Driver's License Restriction Violations	2 points
Moving Violation ( <i>Accident</i> )	3 points
Moving Violation ( <i>Non-Accident</i> ): - State Law Violation - Ordinance Violation	2 points 0 points
Open Container ( <i>Driver</i> )	2 points
Safety Belt Violation ( <i>Non CDL</i> )	0 points
Speeding- 10% or More Over the Speed Limit	2 points
Speeding in a School Zone	2 points

## **DPS SURCHARGES:**

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>SURCHARGES ASSESSED</u></b>
Failure to Establish Financial Responsibility	\$250/year x 3 years
No Valid Driver's License	\$100/year x 3 years
Too Many Points (6 points or more in 36 month period)	\$100 + \$25 (for each point above 6)

***NOTE: Failure to pay surcharge(s) or failure to timely enter into an installment payment agreement with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will result in SUSPENSION of your Driver's License until the surcharge(s) and any related costs have been paid in full.***