

# **GUYTON MUNICIPAL COURT**

**310 Central Blvd. Guyton, Georgia 31312**

**912-772-8745**

**Guyton Municipal Court is held on the third Tuesday of each month at Guyton City Hall, in the Council Meeting room. Court begins promptly at 5:00 PM**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday/Friday 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m**

## **JUDGE & ADMINISTRATION:**

**Judge: Hon. Grady Reddick**

**Court Administrator/Clerk: Ronda L. Wells**

## **DIRECTIONS:**

**From GA Hwy 17:**

**Follow GA Hwy 17 into Guyton, come through the 4 way intersection City hall is located on the right just past the US Post office on Central Blvd.**

## **COURT ROOM RULES AND ATTIRE:**

- 1. All pagers, beepers, and cell phones shall be turned off or silenced. Any disruptions from those devices in court may lead to a fine, a charge of Contempt of Court and/or confiscation of such device.**
- 2. Hats and non-prescription sunglasses may not be worn in the court room.**
- 3. Proper attire is required. No tank tops or shorts. Shoes are required.**
- 4. Tardiness will not be tolerated; a \$25.00 contempt charge will be assessed to anyone entering the court room once court is in session.**

**What options do I have regarding this ticket?**

**You may pay the fine prior to your court date for any charge not listed as a mandatory appearance. If you choose not to appear in court, payment must be received by the Monday prior to your court date. Prior payments are treated the same as a guilty plea. If you chose to plead nolo or Not Guilty you will have to come to court on your scheduled court date. A not guilty plea will be reset for a trial court.**

**What forms of payment are accepted by the court?**

**Cash, Cashier's Checks or Money Order**

**Cashier's Checks & Money orders must be made payable to Guyton Municipal Court.**

**What is a NoLo plea?**

**NoLo means No Contest. This plea means you are not pleading guilty or not guilty but simply accepting the charge and agreeing to the fine and sentence. The charge will be sent to the Department of Driver Services, and show on your driving record, but you will not receive points. You are allowed to enter a NoLo plea for each violation once every five (5) years. It is the discretion of the Judge to accept this plea.**

**Will a NoLo affect my insurance?**

**We do not report any violation to your insurance company. Your insurance company has the right to review your driving record and can see that you were issued a citation. The NoLo plea does not keep the citation off your record; it only keeps points from being assessed. It's up to your insurance company as to how it affects your policy.**

## **Can I change my court date?**

**You are allowed one continuance by the court office. This will usually extend your court date by approximately thirty (30) days. You must sign a reset form by the Friday prior to your original court date to obtain a continuance. You will then be required to either pay your fine by the Friday prior to the new court date or come to court on that date. Only the Judge can give additional continuances in court.**

## **Can I speak to the Solicitor before my court date?**

**The Solicitor is only here during court sessions. He/She does not have an office at our court. We do not provide phone numbers for the Solicitor at his regular place of business. You may speak with the Solicitor on your court date. You may do so prior to entering a plea. When your name is called, reply "motion" and request to speak with the Solicitor.**

## **Can I make payments on my fine?**

**For non-mandatory court appearance violations, we do not accept partial payments. If you are unable to pay the full amount, you will need to come to court and**

**speak with the Judge. The Judge can elect to give you an extension to pay, put you on probation to make payments, or assess jail time.**

**What happens if I miss my court date and do not pay my fine?**

**Failure to pay your fine or to appear in court will result in an automatic late fee of \$100.00 for the first missed court date. A letter will be sent to you stating the new fine amount and new court date. If you fail to pay your fine or to appear in court the second time, a Bench Warrant will be issued. This will result in a higher fine and a license suspension.**

**I am under 21 years of age, how does the Georgia Teenage Driver's Responsibility Act affect me?**

**If you are under 21 years of age and convicted of any one offense for which four (4) or more points are assessed, your driver's license will be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months. No work permits are available. If you are under eighteen (18) years of age and accumulate four (4) points in a 12 month period, your driver's license will be suspended for a minimum of six (6) months.**

**Some common four point violations are:**

- ? Exceeding the speed limit by 24 mph or more**
- ? Improper passing on a hill or curve**
- ? Unlawful passing of a school bus**
- ? Aggressive driving**

**For additional information: [www.dmv.ga.gov](http://www.dmv.ga.gov)**