

The Municipal Court for the City of Tulsa exists to provide a constitutionally compliant court system that seeks to improve public safety and enhance the quality of life for all residents of the City of Tulsa. Every defendant should be and is treated with respect and provided due process under law.

When a motorist is cited for a traffic violation the motorist's signature is their promise to appear in court on a specific date and time or in the case of a preset fine ticket to either pay the ticket or appear in court on a specific date. Defendants arrested and taken to jail immediately are given the opportunity to post a bond based upon a predetermined bond schedule. If the defendant is unable to post the bond they will be presented with the opportunity to speak with a court appointed attorney and will be seen by a Judge. If released, the defendant will be ordered to return for arraignment on a specific time and date.

Pursuant to State and City law, missing a court date and/or failing to pay fines and costs or failing to complete work hours, in lieu of fines and costs, can result in the issuing of a bench warrant. The Court has generously provided an opportunity, over and above what is required under the law, for individuals in warrant status to clear their warrants by permitting them to add-on to the docket and see a judge, on the same day. In the interests of maintaining the Court's dockets, the integrity of the court, as well as requiring personal accountability for individuals accused of committing criminal offenses in the city limits for the City of Tulsa, this must be done within sixty (60) days of the date they missed court, failed to pay fines and costs or failed to complete their work hours, in lieu of fines and costs. After sixty (60) days, the defendant is required to surrender and clear their warrants at the jail.

There are notable exceptions to this add-on policy. If a defendant misses court due to a documented illness, incarceration in another jail or prison, or is the victim of identity theft, the defendant is afforded the opportunity to see a judge under the long standing add-on policy of the Court irrespective of the age of the warrant. A judge may also excuse the requirement to surrender at the jail, for good cause shown.

The Administrative Order in question is attached hereto. A review of the Administrative Order is set, therein, on June 1, 2018.