

# Pre-Trial Traffic Intervention Program Frequently Asked Questions

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

- Eligibility is determined by the City Solicitor or Program Administrator.
- Your traffic case and driving history are reviewed to determine if you are a good candidate for the program.
- You have not participated in the Pre-Trial Traffic Intervention program within the past twelve (12) months.

## Your charge is NOT:

- DUI
- Hit & Run
- Aggressive Driving
- Drag Racing
- Fleeing and Attempting to Elude
- Suspended License
- No License
- Speeding of 34 mph or more over the posted speed limit

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Your eligibility and acceptance into the program is at the discretion of the City Solicitor or Program Administrator, as other circumstances may be considered.

### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF MY PARTICIPATION?

- Your charge(s) will be DISMISSED AND RESTRICTED.
- You will have NO CONVICTION.
- You will **NOT** pay a fine along with surcharges.
- You will ONLY pay a participation fee.

If you are unable to pay your participation fee or meet any program requirements at the time of acceptance into the program, *you will be given time to SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE the program requirements* including the payment of your fee. If you do not meet the program requirements or pay your participation fee by the time given, you will need to appear in court. Failure to appear in court may result in a Failure to Appear Driver's License Suspension or Bench Warrant being issued.



If you timely and successfully complete the program requirements, your case will be dismissed and restricted. As such, this matter will not be reported to the Department of Drivers Services and your driving record will not be subject to points.

#### **HOW MUCH IS THE PARTICIPATION FEE?**

Your charge(s) will be individually evaluated, and the participation fee assessed is based on <u>YOUR</u> offense(s) and prior driving record, not to exceed \$1000.00 (or statutory limitations).

#### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

In most cases, the Pre-Trial Traffic Intervention Program requirements can be completed on the same day you appear or are accepted into the program and comply with your terms, then your charge(s) will be dismissed on that day. However, if needed, upon acceptance into the program, you will be given time to comply, which included paying your participation fee; then your case will be dismissed.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MY ENTERING A PLEA OF "NOT GUILTY", "GUILTY", OR "NOLO" BEFORE THE JUDGE IN THE COURTROOM AND MY CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE IN PTI-T?

Participation in Pre-Trial Traffic Intervention Program does *NOT* require you to enter a plea, but rather, is an alternative to traditional sentencing. Therefore, there is no associated court fine or added court costs imposed, and the charge will not be reported to the Department of Driver Services. However, you will be charged a participation fee.

#### CAN I PAY MY PARTICIPATION FEE ONLINE OR VIA AUTOMATED SERVICE?

Yes, you may pay your participation fee online once you have met all of the requirements. Payments will not be accepted without the required documents (if any are marked on your Participation Agreement). Pay online at <a href="https://www.perrytickets.com">www.perrytickets.com</a>.

# CAN I MAIL IN MY PAYMENTS AND PROOF OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS?

**YES**. However, **DO NOT** mail in **cash payments**. Please mail a money order or cashier's check made payable to Perry Municipal Court. Please record your name and citation number on your payment and on any other related documents. Please remember that fee <u>and</u> any required documents **MUST** be submitted <u>at the same time</u> and **received no later than** your given **compliance date**. We do not give consideration to items lost or misdelivered in the mail.



#### WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED?

You may pay at <a href="www.perrytickets.com">www.perrytickets.com</a>. You will need your citation number or your drivers license number. Payment can be made in person with Visa, Mastercard, cash, certified check, or money order made out to the <a href="Perry Municipal Court">Perry Municipal Court</a>. Personal and/or business checks are <a href="NOT">NOT</a> accepted. Partial payments are not accepted. Be sure to record your citation number on the cashier's check or money orders. You may mail your payment to <a href="Perry Municipal Court">Perry Municipal Court</a>, 808 Carroll Street, Perry, Georgia 31069.

#### CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?

Yes, provided you have not paid your participation fee and your compliance date has not yet passed. You must appear in court on your compliance date. However, you will not be eligible to participate in the program within twelve months of your initial enrollment.

#### WHEN CAN I DROP OFF MY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

You may personally deliver your participation fee and proof of any participation requirements prior to your scheduled compliance date. If you choose to mail-in your payment along with any required documents outlined on your participation agreement, they <u>must</u> be received *together* <u>BY</u> your compliance date. We do not make any accommodations for items lost or misdelivered in the mail.