

YOUR RIGHTS

This is the Hilliard Mayor's Court. You have been charged with a violation of the Hilliard City Code. The charge may have been filed either by Police, the Building department or a private citizen or corporation.

There are several things you have the right to know so as to make the necessary decisions that must be made by you in Court today. The Court wants you to be aware of your basic rights.

- 1. The nature of the charges against you, to read the Affidavit or Complaint filed against you, and if you do not understand the nature of the charges, to have them explained to you.*
- 2. You have the right to know the identity of the Complainant.*
- 3. You have the right to be represented by counsel.*
- 4. You have the right to a reasonable continuance in the proceedings to secure counsel.*
- 5. You have the right to a trial by jury in certain cases, as long as a demand is made in written form.*
- 6. You have the right to have a trial within 30 days of the date you were charged.*
- 7. You have the right to know the penalties associated with the charge.*

Classification of Misdemeanor

Maximum Term of Imprisonment

Maximum Fine

First Degree	6 months	\$ 1,000.00
Second Degree	90 days	\$750.00
Third Degree	60 days	\$500.00
Fourth Degree	30 days	\$250.00
Minor Misdemeanor	No Imprisonment	\$150.00

If counsel does not represent you and you are before the Court and called upon to plead, you have certain rights.

- 1. You have the right to a reasonable bail or bond.*
- 2. If you make any statement in the proceeding, this statement can be used against you.*

You may plead Guilty, No Contest or Not Guilty

A Plea of Guilty is a complete admission of guilt

A plea of No Contest is not admission of guilty, but an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the Complaint filed against you.

A plea of Not Guilty your case will be set trial at a later date. You will have the right to present evidence on your own behalf. The City will present its evidence, and this court will make a judgment as to your guilt or innocence.

APPEAL

You have the right to appeal from the ruling of this Court. That appeal must be filed within 10 days of the judgment as provided by section 1905.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

• In the event you are convicted of a traffic offense, a record of that conviction will be sent to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and will become a part of your driving record. In addition to the forgoing, a driving under suspension is possible if you were not insured at the time of the offense.

• Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ Yes _____ No if you are not a citizen, a conviction could result in your deportation or denial of citizen.