

**IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI
MOLINE ACRES MUNICIPAL DIVISION**

YOUR RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT:

1. The right to be fully advised of the nature of the charges against me.
2. The right to plead not guilty or guilty to the charges.
3. The right to be represented at all stages of these proceedings by an attorney.
4. The right to have an attorney appointed to represent me if I am found to be indigent and facing jail time.
5. The right to a trial, which at my election, may be a jury trial.
6. The right to question any and all witnesses who appear to testify against me at trial.
7. The right to bring witnesses to testify on my behalf at trial.
8. The right to have any witnesses I request be subpoenaed (ordered) to appear at trial to testify on my behalf.
9. The right to testify or remain silent at my trial. If I remain silent and do not testify that will not be held against me.
10. I am presumed innocent and the City has to prove that I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at the trial.
11. If I am found guilty at trial I have a right to appeal the Court's decision and file a request for a new trial in St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. I understand that my appeal must be filed within 10 days from the date of the Court's decision.
12. If I plead guilty or am found guilty I have a right to present evidence of my financial situation for the Court to consider in determining my ability to pay fines and/or court costs and/or to establish a payment plan.
13. If I have an impairment, disability or any special needs, including the need for an interpreter, one will be provided to me at no cost upon request.

The range of punishment in this court is a fine and court costs of up to \$225.00 for minor traffic violations, or a fine of \$1.00-\$1,000.00 and/or up to 90 days in jail for other violations.

I am aware that my plea of guilty could expose me to enhancement of criminal penalties in the event I face any similar charges in the future, and that such pleas of guilty will expose me to such other administrative or statutory requirements pertaining to my driving privilege as may be imposed by the Court or the Department of Revenue.

A copy of these rights may be obtained, upon request, from the Traffic Violation Bureau.