

Hello, dear citizen of Chicago's 46th Ward. Take it to the Streets has provided you with script shells to borrow from when you decide to contest your Parking, Red Light, or Speeding Tickets in court. You may find them below, categorized by ticket type, and sub-categorized by issues with the ticket.

Good _____(Time of day)_____, Your Honor. My name is _____(Your first and last name)_____, and I am here before you today to contest my _____(type of ticket)_____ ticket, which was issued _____(Date issued)_____.

Parking/Compliance

Within **7 days**, you may contest using the following script shells:

Not Me or Not My Vehicle

Your Honor, I would like to note that when this ticket was issued, I was not in possession of the vehicle.

Actually, (State whether 1. Your plates were stolen, 2. Someone else was driving your stolen vehicle, or 3. You are no longer the owner of the vehicle).

Seeing as how I did not have ownership of the vehicle at the time of this violation, I believe this ticket should be reissued. Thank you, Ma'am/Sir, for your time.

Signs Unclear or Signs Not Found

Your Honor, I would like to let it be known that nearby parking signs (or meters) were (1. Unable to be understood, 2. Not in sight, or in the case of parking meters 3. In an unusable state.) Ma'am/sir, if you allow it, I can provide photographs taken at the scene to show the state of the parking sign (or meter).

Please note: If you were unable to take pictures of your surroundings when the ticket was issued, make sure to take pictures prior to contesting.

Seeing as the sign (or meter) was (Give a description of the sign, e.g. Obscured, Defaced, Missing, Faded, Inoperable, or Illegible), I believe I should not be punished for misunderstanding information depicted on the parking sign (In the case of a meter: I should not be punished for being unable to insert a payment).

Thank you for your time, Ma'am or Sir.

Incorrect Details

Your Honor, I would like to point out a few (Missing/Incorrect) details in my parking ticket. (If applicable, list all information on your parking ticket that is incorrect). I would like to note that information provided on the ticket does not maintain that this (Regulation on your ticket) was violated. (Here, you may state any evidence or city rules that would pardon your offense. E.g. there is a 30 day window in which new residents or vehicles may go without a city sticker).

That is all I have to say for your consideration. Thank you for your time, Your Honor.

Automated Traffic Law Enforcement (Red Light)

Within **21 days**, you may contest using the following script shells:

Not Me or Not My Vehicle

Your Honor, I would like to note that on (Ticket issued date), when this ticket was issued, I was not in possession of the vehicle.

Actually, (State whether 1. Your plates were stolen, 2. Someone else was driving your stolen vehicle, or 3. You are no longer the owner of the vehicle).

(State whether 1. The vehicle is still missing to this date, or 2. The date that the vehicle was recovered, and state that the ticket was issued before the recovery date.)

Seeing as how I did not have ownership of the vehicle at the time of this violation, I believe this ticket should be reissued.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Your Honor.

Funeral Procession

Your Honor, I would like to make it known that on (Date of Red Light Violation), I was lawfully taking part in a funeral procession for (Name of deceased).

If you will allow it, I can provide service information and proof of the date of the funeral procession.

Thank you for your time and hearing me out today, Your Honor.

Automated Speed Enforcement

Within **21 days**, you may contest using the following script shells:

Not Me or Not My Vehicle

Your Honor, I would like to note that on (Ticket issued date), when this ticket was issued, I was not in possession of the vehicle.

In fact, (State whether 1. Your plates were stolen, 2. Someone else was driving your stolen vehicle, or 3. You are no longer the owner of the vehicle).

(State whether 1. The vehicle is still missing to this date, or 2. The date that the vehicle was recovered, and state that the ticket was issued before the recovery date.)

Seeing as how I did not have ownership of the vehicle at the time of this violation, I believe this ticket should be reissued.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Your Honor.

Not A Violation

Your Honor, I would like to bring attention to the speed of my vehicle at the time the ticket was issued. I was driving at (State what speed your vehicle was moving at).

The area in which I was issued this ticket has a speed limit of (Area's speed limit). My vehicle's speed was within 9/Nine miles per hour of the speed limit. Given that I did not go over 10/Ten miles per hour of the (Area's speed limit) limit, I believe this ticket was wrongfully issued.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Your Honor.

Please remember that you will not be punished or fined any further for contesting your ticket here in the city of Chicago, 46th Ward.