



COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY DEPARTMENT MODIFICATIONS

Pasadena Municipal Court

The Pasadena Municipal Court remains closed until at least June 1, 2020. After June 1, it will reopen under guidelines approved by the Regional Presiding Judge. Fully normal operations may not begin again until mid-summer or later. Please continue to monitor this web page for updated information.

All deadlines including payment due dates, driving safety due dates, and community service dates report dates have been suspended. The court has extended all deadlines for deferred disposition and driving safety courses. You may expect to receive a notice by phone, by text message and/or regular mail regarding your new due date.

NO WARRANTS ARE BEING ISSUED BY THE COURT AT THIS TIME. NO ONE WILL BE ARRESTED FOR MISSING A COURT APPEARANCE BETWEEN MARCH 12, 2020 AND JUNE 1, 2020.

All missed court dates will be rescheduled. Court dates are not being reset at this time due to the uncertainty about when normal court operations may begin again. You will receive a notice of reset court date by phone, text message and/or regular mail as appropriate.

The Pasadena Police department is not arresting people for Municipal Court warrants at this time.

If you come to the court of your own volition before normal operations resume, you may make payments, apply for deferred disposition or driving safety course or “clear” a warrant. Necessary forms may be found by clicking the Municipal Court link on the City home page. **COMING TO THE COURT IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY AND NOT MANDATORY.**

***Only 5 people are allowed in the court lobby at one time and six foot social distancing must be observed.

The Court cannot accept web payments. Credit card payments may be taken by phone. The payment transaction, however, must be handled in person by a clerk. You may be placed on hold because of the volume of calls received daily or you may be asked to leave and number and be contacted later by a court clerk. Your patience is appreciated.

Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and subject to change on June 1, 2020

Please call 713-475-5562 or email crtfw@pasadenatx.gov for more information



PASADENA MUNICIPAL COURT IS NOW OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A JUDGE VIA ZOOM



The City of Pasadena Municipal Court is now offering virtual hearings of eligible cases via Zoom. All virtual hearings will be live streamed on YouTube and are subject to the same standards of conduct and attire as would apply to an in-person appearance before the court.

RECORDING OF THE VIRTUAL HEARING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

To participate in a virtual hearing you will need a smartphone or computer with a webcam and microphone enabled. You will need to download the Zoom platform before the scheduled hearing. To test your device, go to [Zoom Meeting Testing Link](#). The Court will not be able to assist you in this regard. When joining the virtual hearing, please use your full legal name as your screen name. When you have successfully joined the virtual hearing, you may be placed into a virtual waiting room. You will then be brought to a virtual courtroom.

Certain cases will not be eligible for virtual hearings. These include trials by judge or jury, family violence matters, juvenile matters, pre-trial conferences with the prosecutor, bond forfeiture dockets and attorney motion docket matters. (Attorneys may arrange a virtual conference with prosecutors via Webex.) In addition, the Court may decline a specific request based on other factors and require an in-person appearance at a later date. **If you desire to present documents at your virtual hearing such as driver license and insurance information, please upload them to your request for hearing.**

You may find it more convenient to accomplish certain tasks by regular mail. For example, applications for deferred disposition, driving safety courses and certain compliance dismissals may be accomplished by mail. Please click ([here](#)) for appropriate forms and information.

To request an online court appearance with a judge, please click ([here](#)). Please note, **THIS IS A REQUEST ONLY.** The Municipal Court will provide a response by e-mail or phone within **5 business days** utilizing the email address and/or phone number listed on your request form.