

**Your Rights in Mayors Court
Village of Boston Heights, Ohio**

This is a duly authorized Mayors Court as provided for in Chapter 1905 of the Ohio Revised Code. We want every person who comes into this court to feel that he or she has received fair and impartial treatment.

When you have read and understand your rights, please sign and return it to the court.

If you are unclear about any matter, you may request an explanation when you approach the bench.

1. You have the right to retain an attorney at your own expense to represent you.
2. You may request a continuance to get an attorney.
3. In the event that you are indigent and without funds as indicated in an affidavit of indigency which you will be required to complete, the law provides that you have the right to court appointed attorney to represent you. (Applies only to cases where a jail sentence may be imposed.) You are not required to have an attorney even though you may be eligible; it is a matter of your choice.
4. If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense to which you are pleading guilty (or no contest, when applicable) may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of United States.

Procedure at the Bench

1. You will be given an opportunity to have your rights further explained or to request a continuance to engage an attorney.
2. The charge against you will be read. If you do not understand the charge, please ask to have it explained.
3. You will be asked to plead either NO CONTEST, GUILTY, or NOT GUILTY.

(over)

Please Initial Your Plea

_____ A GUILTY PLEA is a complete admission of your guilt.

_____ A NO CONTEST PLEA accepts as true the facts as stated on the face of the complaint/ticket, but cannot be used as an admission of guilt against you in any subsequent Civil or Criminal Proceeding. Upon the plea of NO CONTEST, the court will determine your guilt or innocence based upon evidence presented by the Prosecutor, and any evidence you may wish to present.

_____ A NOT GUILTY PLEA The case will be transferred to the Stow Municipal Court.

4. Upon a plea of GUILTY or NO CONTEST the officers report will be read and you will be given an opportunity to make any comment you may wish to make. Any statement you make may be used against you. You do not have to make any statement.
5. The Magistrate will rule on your case giving consideration to the circumstances involved in your arrest as well as your previous driving record.
6. If you are found guilty, you will accompany the officer in the court room until the Clerk of Courts calls you to the window where fines are paid.
7. Upon a plea of NOT GUILTY, you will accompany the officer to the Clerk's office to verify address, phone number, etc.

TRAFFIC CASES

This Court is required by law to send a notice of all convictions to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and in many instances, points will be charged against your driving record.

Signature

Print Name