

GRANT COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INFRACTION DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The Grant County Prosecutor's Office Infraction Deferral Program allows eligible drivers to avoid added points on their driving records. If you are accepted for the program and successfully complete it, your ticket is dismissed with no points added to your driving record. The prosecutor's office determines whether your application is approved and the length of your deferral program.

The program monitor will review your driving record and determine whether to approve you for the program and whether to assign you to the six- or 12-month program. You do not pay the fee until you are approved for the program. Approval is not automatic.

Generally, if the point values of the ticket is two points or less, the agreement is for six months, and the cost is \$192.50. If the point value of the ticket is above two points, the agreement is for 12 months, and the cost is \$252.50. The fees are set by statute and are paid instead of the fine for the ticket. If you pay the fine for the ticket, you are not eligible for the deferral program.

ELIGIBILITY

You are **not** eligible to apply for the program if:

- You are not at least 18 years old.
- You have a CDL endorsement.
- You have a probationary license.
- You are currently in a deferral program in any county or you have participated in a deferral program during the last 12 months.
- You cannot provide proof of current automobile insurance.
- You currently are on probation or parole.
- You have had a major driving offense in the last five years. Major driving offenses include DUI, OWI, DWI, passing a school bus while loading or unloading, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, driving while suspended, no valid license, construction zone/worksite violation when workers are present, or being a habitual traffic offender.
- Your court date, listed on your ticket, has passed.
- You already have paid your fine.

APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

There are several ways to apply for the program.

- Online, by clicking [here](#).
- In person at the Grant County Prosecutor's Office, Room 107, Grant County Courthouse, 101 E. Fourth St., Marion.
- By telephone at 765-664-0739.
- Through your attorney, if you have retained one.

If you have an out-of-state driver's license, you must send a copy of your driving record from your state's bureau of motor vehicles.

You will be notified about the program in about four weeks. If you are approved, you will be mailed information about the program, along with an agreement that must be signed and returned with your payment. If your application is denied, you will be notified by phone.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often may I defer a ticket?

You are only eligible for the Infraction Deferral Program once a year.

What are the benefits of the Infraction Deferral Program?

- You may not have to go to court.
- Your offense will not be reported to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and you will not have points assigned to your license.
- The infraction will not show up as a conviction on your driving record.
- You do not have to pay any other court costs.

How do I know if I am eligible?

See the "Eligibility" section above.

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- By telephone at 765-664-0739 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.
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How much are deferral fees?

The fee for the six-month program is \$192.50.

The fee for the 12-month program is \$252.50.

The fees include court costs, user's fees, automated record-keeping fee, document storage fee and highway work zone fee.

How do I pay my fees?

Fees are payable by money order, cashier's check or certified check, made payable to the clerk of court your case is assigned to. For example, if your case is assigned to Gas City Court, the certified check or money order must be payable to the Gas City Court Clerk. Payment must be accompanied by your signed agreement.

Your deferral does not start until after you make your payment.

How long do I have to pay the deferral fee?

Fees are generally due 30 days from the date of approval.

May I make payments?

No. Payments must be made in full.

Must I attend classes as part of the deferral?

No. No special classes are required.