

TRAFFIC RULES

RULE TR 1. Dockets

A. The Special Judge assigned to the Traffic Docket shall call the docket according to the schedule set by the Presiding Judge and the assigned Traffic Judge(s).

No continuances will be granted by the Court except for good cause shown.

All in-custody pleas not ready for the docket when called will be passed to the next docket.

B. All cases in which the defendant enters a plea of not guilty at arraignment will be set on the daily disposition docket approximately three (3) weeks from the day of arraignment. At the calling of the daily disposition docket, the defendant will have the following alternatives:

a. Enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, subject to the approval of the Court, and be sentenced immediately;

b. Waive right to trial and have the case set for sentencing on a date certain; or

c. Have the case set for trial on a date certain.

C. Where a bench warrant has been issued for a defendant because of his/her nonappearance, the defendant must thereafter post bond before release, and no attorney's affidavit will be accepted, except for good cause shown at the discretion of the Court. Bench warrants issued for failure to pay costs, fees, fines, etc., may be satisfied by payment of the obligation to the Court Clerk. In that event, the bench warrant may be recalled without incarceration of the defendant or the defendant may be released from custody without the necessity of being brought personally before the Court.

D. Pursuant to 22 O.S. §§ 1113 and 1115.1(A-D), a defendant released upon personal recognizance may enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the Court Clerk at any time prior to the arraignment date, which is reflected on the citation.

The fines, including court costs, imposed upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere entered before the Court Clerk shall be in accordance with the statutory Oklahoma Bond Schedule, as provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, pursuant to 22 O.S. § 1115.3.

E. Any person violating the provisions of Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 16 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, where a jail sentence is not mandatory, may in the discretion of the District Attorney and subject to the approval of the Court, be permitted to enter a plea of guilty by written statement by the person charged to be presented to the Court.

F. Except as provided in paragraphs D and E above, all pleas of guilty must be made orally by the defendant before the Court.

RULE TR 2. Driver's License Appeals

All appeals regarding the suspension of a driver's license by the Department of Public Safety shall be assigned to the Special Judge assigned to the Traffic Court.

If there is an objection to the assigned Special Judge hearing an appeal, that Special Judge shall proceed as a Referee, and the case will be reassigned by the Presiding Judge, upon completion of the Referee's written findings and conclusions.