

Municipal Court

Municipal Judge: Jeffrey Eastman

City Prosecutor: Ellen Jacobs

Court Clerk: Kayla Graham

Municipal Court is held the first Thursday of each month. Court starts at 5:30 PM and is located at the Community Center next to City Hall – 103 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lawson, MO 64062 . The Municipal Judge may alter the Court schedule. Please contact **816-580-3217** if you need to confirm a court date.

Municipal Court Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00

If payment in person, the Court accepts the following forms of payment: Cash, Money Order, local checks or credit card. Payments by mail may be made by check or money order. Credit card payments can be made over the phone or on the website. A convenience fee will be charged by the company that processes the payment by credit card both online and in person.

LAWSON MUNICIPAL COURT FAQ

Question: Do I have to appear in court?

Answer: Some charges are payable prior to court. Your ticket will show the Standard Fine Schedule on the second page (also located on this website). If your ticket is payable prior to court and does not require an appearance, there will be a price listed. If you were involved in an accident or injury; in a construction zone or school zone; or speeding 20 mph or more over the speed limit or carry a CDL license, you must appear in court.

Question: Is it possible to continue my court hearing or extend my date to pay?

Answer: You may call the court office at 816-580-3217 and request ONE continuance by phone. Domestic Violence and Nuisance cases will NOT be continued without a court appearance. If a second continuance is necessary, you MUST APPEAR in court and ask the Judge. [CONTINUANCES WILL NOT BE GRANTED BY PHONE ON THE DAY OF COURT.](#)

Question: If I am a witness or victim on a case, will I be notified of the court date?

Answer: On a Domestic Violence Assault, you will usually be sent a subpoena by mail or given one by a Police Officer advising you of the court date. You are required to appear. On other cases, you will not receive notification to appear unless the defendant is pleading not guilty and requesting a trial. You will then be sent a subpoena to appear.

Question: What is the difference between a summons and a subpoena?

Answer: A summons is to notify you of a court date. If you are the defendant and do not appear, there will be consequences. If you are a victim or witness, a summons is a request for you to appear. You will not be punished if you do not appear, however, you may then be issued a subpoena which means that you must appear.

A subpoena is to notify you to appear in court. If you do not appear when you are issued a subpoena, a warrant can be issued for your arrest.

Question: How many points will I receive if I plead guilty?

Answer: You may refer to the Point System Violation Description Table located at <http://dor.mo.gov/forms/899.pdf> from the Missouri Department of Revenue's Web site to find the point value of most traffic violation related tickets.

Question: If I post bond, will the bond be returned to me?

Answer: The BOND is to guarantee that you will appear in court on your assigned court date. If you appear in court, your fines and costs will be taken out of the cash bond and if there is a balance, you will be mailed a check . If the BOND is not sufficient to cover your fines and costs, you will be expected to pay the additional amount of the fine.

Question: What happens if I post BOND and I do not appear on my assigned court date?

Answer: A new warrant will be issued, the Judge will set a new required bond , and you will be issued a Notice of a Bond Forfeiture Hearing to show cause as to why your Bond should not be forfeited. If you do not attend the Bond Forfeiture Hearing, your cash bond **WILL BE FORFEITED** and you will have to post a new Bond. At that time, you will be given a new court date.

Question: What kind of cases are held in the Lawson Municipal Court?

Answer: Ordinance violations.