

THORNTON MUNICIPAL COURT FINE AND FEE SCHEDULE

As prescribed by Thornton City Council, and as recommended by Tiffany Sorice, Presiding Municipal Judge, the following fine schedule has been established for certain traffic and general ordinance violations within the City of Thornton. Offenses other than those listed on this fine schedule shall require mandatory appearance before the Court. Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Thornton City Charter, the Thornton City Council approved this Fine Schedule effective August 1, 2023.

PART ONE – TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (MODEL TRAFFIC CODE)

Schedule of Fines (unless otherwise stated)	
Six Point Violations	\$210.00
Five Point Violations	\$175.00
Four Point Violations	\$140.00
Three Point Violations	\$105.00
Two Point Violations	\$70.00
One Point Violations	\$35.00
Zero Point and Parking Violations	\$35.00

Speeding fines in a construction zone or school zone are doubled.

Sec. Code	Points		
502	0	Width of vehicles	\$70.00
503	0	Projecting loads on passenger vehicles	\$70.00
504	0	Height and length of vehicles	\$70.00
505	0	Longer vehicle combinations	\$70.00
506	0	Trailers and towed vehicles	\$70.00
509	0	Vehicle weighted	\$70.00
507/508/510	0	Wheel and axle loads/Gross Weight of vehicles and loads/Permits for excess size and weight and for manufactured homes	If in excess of 1,000 lbs. overweight, weight is rounded down to the lower 1,000 lb. increment to determine fine.
		1-1,000 Pounds Overweight	\$100.00
		1,001-2,000 Pounds Overweight	\$150.00
		2,001-3,000 Pounds Overweight	\$200.00
		3,001-4,000 Pounds Overweight	\$250.00
		4,001-5,000 Pounds Overweight	\$300.00
		5,001-6,000 Pounds Overweight	\$350.00
		6,001-7,000 Pounds Overweight	\$400.00
		7,001-8,000 Pounds Overweight	\$450.00
		8,001-9,000 Pounds Overweight	\$500.00
		9,001-10,000 Pounds Overweight	\$550.00
		10,001-11,000 Pounds Overweight	\$600.00
		11,001-12,000 Pounds Overweight	\$650.00
		12,001-13,000 Pounds Overweight	\$700.00
		13,001-14,000 Pounds Overweight	\$750.00
		14,001-15,000 Pounds Overweight	\$800.00
		15,001-16,000 Pounds Overweight	\$850.00
		16,001-17,000 Pounds Overweight	\$900.00
		17,001-18,000 Pounds Overweight	\$950.00
		18,001-19,000 Pounds Overweight	\$1,000.00

PART TWO – GENERAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Sec. Code	Violation	Fine
6-4	Vaccination required	\$75.00
6-5	Attachment of tag	\$75.00
6-7(a)	Animal at large	\$75.00
38-208	Curfew	\$75.00
38-210(b)	Obstruction of property	\$75.00
38-394	Littering unlawful	\$75.00
38-396	Accumulation to constitute a nuisance	\$75.00
38-421	Unlawfully parked or stored vehicles	\$75.00
38-497	Puffing Prohibited	\$75.00
38-645	Unlawful motor vehicle operation	\$75.00
46-37	Park hours	\$75.00
58-60	Storage of trash containers	\$75.00

PART THREE – COURT COSTS AND FEES

The following schedule of court costs and fees shall be applicable to all matters in the Municipal Court and other Thornton municipal entities, as applicable.

Cost Type	Description	Cost
Accident Fee		\$50.00
Bonding Fee		\$25.00
Boot Fee		\$130.00
Collection Fee		Actual Cost
Community Safety Surcharge	(formerly Police Training and Youth Services Surcharge)	\$14.00
Court Costs/Administrative Hearing Fee		\$30.00
Court Appointed Attorney Fee	Rate for slightly above indigency guideline applicants	\$25.00/hr.
I.T. Surcharge	Court -technology and virtual operations	\$1.00
Deferred Judgment/Prosecution/ Sentence Fee		\$75.00
Discovery	Copies of Criminal Justice Records and items necessary as part of the Discovery or Records Release Processes	Same as City Clerk's Fee Schedule
Graffiti Surcharge	Pursuant to Sections 38-397 and 38-398	\$500.00
Homeless Outreach Surcharge	Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.) Program	\$5.00
Juror Fee per day	Served on Jury	\$6.00
Juror Fee per day	Summoned and appeared	\$3.00
Jury Deposit	Unless waived by the Court	\$25.00
Jury Trial	If convicted	Actual Cost
Default Judgment Administrative Fee		\$25.00
Show Cause Fee		\$20.00
Stay of Execution Fee		\$25.00
Transcription Deposit	Includes non-refundable fee of \$15.00; if the transcript cost is less than the deposit, the balance will be refunded. If the transcript cost is more than the deposit, any balance will be collected prior to release of the document.	\$165.00
Warrant Fee		\$50.00
Witness Fees - General	Paid only if defendant fails to appear	\$5.00
Witness Fees – Off-Duty Thornton Officers	Paid only if defendant fails to appear	\$40.00

RELATED FINE PROCEDURES

Summons and Complaints with more than one traffic charge may receive a plea bargain offer prior to appearing in Court provided the combined total of original points is no greater than six points. If the combined total of original points on the summons is greater than six points, the summons shall require an appearance before the Court.

Summons and Complaints with more than one general ordinance charge shall require an appearance before the Court.

All persons who close their case through plea bargain procedures with the City Attorney's office, either by mail or in person, shall pay the fine scheduled for the original violation(s) charged.

Any person who enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere as part of a plea bargained disposition and who does not wish to pay the fine scheduled must appear as scheduled on the summons and complaint.

Stays of execution may be granted by the office of the Municipal Court through a process agreed to by the Presiding Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court.

The payment of the scheduled fine shall constitute a final judgment or conviction of the offense charged. All persons charged with offenses other than those listed on this fine schedule shall be required to appear in the Municipal Court.

At the time of sentencing and based on a Judge's discretion, fines may be increased or decreased depending on mitigating or aggravating factors.