

YOUR RIGHTS IN SUNBURY MAYOR'S COURT

Your Arraignment

The court date on your ticket, assigned by the officer, is your arraignment date. The purpose of an arraignment is to answer the charges against you and have you enter a plea to those charges. This is not your trial. The officer who issued the citation will not be present at your arraignment. If your offense is a minor misdemeanor, you may choose to waive your right to a hearing and pay the standard fine, without appearing in court.

As a defendant, when you appear in Sunbury Mayor's Court, you should know your basic rights:

You have the right to be silent. Anything you say, can be used against you in court.

The law requires this court to bring you to trial within 30 days of the date you were charged.

You have the right to know the nature of the charges(s) that has been filed against you.

You have the right to know the identity of the person making the charge against you.

You have the right to see and read the complaint filed against you. Your copy of the citation that you received satisfies this right.

You have the right to have legal counsel to represent and advise you. You are entitled to one continuance to obtain legal counsel of your choice.

If the charge that you are facing carries a possible jail sentence, you have the right to a trial by jury. If you wish, your case will be transferred to the Delaware County Municipal Court for trial by jury.

You have the right to know the maximum penalty if you are convicted. If this is a traffic case, you may also lose the right to drive for some time and have point added to your state driving record.

If you are not a citizen of The United States of America, then a conviction could result in deportation or denial of citizenship according to the laws of the United States.

You have the right to remain free on reasonable bail while your case is awaiting trial. Currently, you are free on your own recognizance. If you fail to appear for court, you may be required to post cash or surety to secure your appearance at required court sessions.

Appeal after a Trial by Magistrate in Mayor's Court

You have a right to appeal the ruling of this Court. That appeal must be filed within 10 days of your Mayor's Court hearing as provided by Section 1905.23 Ohio Revised Code. Court personnel can assist you with the process.

Listed below you will find the Maximum Penalties for Misdemeanors.

Misdemeanor Classification	Maximum Jail Term	Maximum Fine
First degree (M1)	6 months	\$1,000.00
Second degree (M2)	90 days	750.00
Third degree (M3)	60 days	500.00
Fourth degree (M4)	30 days	250.00
Minor (MM)	No jail term	150.00

If you are convicted of a Traffic Offense, a record of that conviction will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and will become a part of your Ohio driving record.