

PAYMENT OPTIONS

If you are eligible to pay your traffic ticket without appearing in court, and you choose to do so, these are the methods available:

PAY ONLINE OR OVER THE PHONE— go to www.curiasystems.com/payment or call 401-822-9187 to pay with a VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. Note that a credit/debit card fee will apply to each transaction.

PAY BY MAIL—be sure to make your check or money order out to the **Coventry Municipal Court** for the total amount due, found on the right side of your ticket. The officer may have provided you with a self-addressed green envelope, or you can find the mailing address on the back panel of this flyer.

PAY IN PERSON—the clerk's office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm.

Envelopes are available and payments can be dropped in the locked box at the Municipal Court counter.



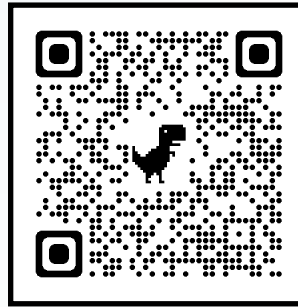
ONLINE PAYMENTS

Many traffic violations may be paid online, up to one day before your court date, at:

www.curiasystems.com/payment

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

Note that it may take up to 3 business days for your summons to appear on the website



COVENTRY MUNICIPAL COURT

Located at:
1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI
02816

Phone: 401-822-9187

E-mail: covmuni@coventryri.gov



COVENTRY MUNICIPAL COURT

**YOU HAVE RECEIVED
A TRAFFIC TICKET,
NOW WHAT?**

This pamphlet is an explanation of your rights, as well as the procedures of the Coventry Municipal Court.

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LOCATION

The Coventry Municipal Court is located inside the Coventry Town Hall at 1670 Flat River Road.

COURT SESSIONS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:45 PM, EXCEPTING HOLIDAYS. Your court date can be found in the lower right portion of your traffic citation.

IMPORTANT

Failure to appear in court and/or pay fines and court costs, may result in enhanced penalties and a loss of your privilege to drive.

YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH A CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION

The ticket you received is a legal document charging you with one or more traffic violations. Your summons outlines the offense/s for which you were charged as well as whether you are required to appear in court (“TRIAL” will appear in the total amount due line), and the amount due if you are eligible to pay before your court date.

- Read the ticket carefully and consider your options.
- If your ticket has a fine listed, you may pay the fine and not appear in court.
- You may also choose to appear in court to contest the ticket (ask for a trial) or to utilize your good driving record. If you choose to appear, you do not need to notify this court in advance.
- If the word “trial” is listed in the amount area, you must appear in court before a judge, and court costs of \$35 will apply.
- You have the right to contact a private attorney to represent you in this matter.
- If you cannot appear for the court date given you, contact the clerk at 401-822-9187 for a new date or to obtain a “Request for Action at Arraignment” form.
- If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to call 401-822-9187.

GOOD DRIVING RECORD (GDR) RI General Law 31-41.1-7

In Rhode Island, if you have a good driving record, you may request that your summons be dismissed, upon payment of court costs, by pleading “guilty with a GDR.” A GDR means that you have not been found guilty of a moving violation within three years prior to the current violation. In addition, to receive this dismissal, your ticket may not have been issued as a result of a motor vehicle accident, and you may not hold a CDL license. If you meet these requirements and your plea is accepted by the court, you will be assessed a fee of \$60 and the violation will be dismissed.

PLEASE NOTE—if you have a driver’s license issued by any state other than RI, you must bring a copy of your driving abstract from that state with you. These can usually be obtained online at the state’s DMV website.

If appearing in court, all fines and assessments are due immediately after judgment. We accept cash, check, money order, and most major credit cards. Payment plans may also be available if needed.

STANDARD COURT COSTS ARE \$35 PER COURT APPEARANCE.