

**YOUR RIGHTS**  
**MAYOR'S COURT, REYNOLDSBURG, OH**

Those of you who are here in Court today have been charged with an offense against the Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg. The court wants you to be aware of your basic rights. You are entitled to be informed of ;

1. The nature of the charge filed against you: to read the Affidavit Complaint filed against you: and if you do not understand the nature of the charges, have them explained to your.
2. Your right to know the identity of the Complaint.
3. Your right to be represented by Counsel.
4. Your right to a reasonable continuance in the proceedings to secure Counsel.
5. Your right to a trial by jury in certain cases, as long as a demand is made in written form.\
6. The extent of possible punishment if convicted.

**If you are not represented by Counsel and you are before the Court and called upon to plead, you have certain rights:**

1. You have a right to counsel even if you intend to plead guilty, and you have the right to a reasonable continuance in the proceeding to secure Counsel, pursuant to Criminal Rule 44. The court **may** assign counsel to represent you without cost to you if you are unable to employ Counsel.
2. You have a right to bail, if the offense is bailable.
3. You need not make any statement in the proceeding, but any statement made **can** and **may** be used against you.

- **You may plead Guilty, Not Guilty, or No Contest.**
- **A plea of Guilty** is a complete admission of guilt. **A Plea of No Contest** is not an admission of guilt, but is an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the Complaint. **A No Contest Plea** cannot be used against you in any subsequent Civil or Criminal Proceeding.
- If you enter a **Plea of Not Guilty**, your case will be set for trial at a later date. You will have the right to present evidence on your own behalf. The city will present its evidence, and this Court will make a judgment as to your Guilt or Innocence.

**APPEAL AFTER A TRIAL:**

You have a right of appeal from the ruling of this Court. That appeal must be filed within 10 days of the trial as provided by section 1905.23 Ohio Revised Code.

**TRAFFIC CASES:**

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

If you have any questions regarding any part of your case, procedure, the charge against you, or your rights, you should inform the court when your case is called. If you wish to change your Plea, please advise the Court when your case is called.

Are you a citizen of the United States?     Yes             No  
(If you are not a citizen, a conviction could result in your deportation or denial of citizenship)

**WAIVER OF JURY:**

On examination of the complaint/affidavit(s) made in behalf of the State of Ohio, and the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio against me on the above stated case, I hereby waive a jury and submit and request to be tried by the Reynoldsburg Mayor's Court.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT & REQUEST**

I hereby acknowledge and understand the above listed rights that the case be tried in the Reynoldsburg Mayor's Court.

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Signature

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Date