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[Wellington Boys & Girls Club](#)

8445 3rd Street | Wellington, CO 80549
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[The Center for Family Outreach](#)

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TOWN OF
WELLINGTON

[Town Hall](#)

3735 Cleveland Avenue, PO Box 127
Wellington, CO 80549
(970) 568-3381

[Court \(Leeper Center\)](#)

3800 Wilson Avenue
Wellington, CO 80549
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MUNICIPAL COURT

Frequently Asked Questions



WellingtonColorado.gov/167/MunicipalCourt

What happens when I receive a ticket?

If you receive a ticket into Wellington Municipal Court, your ticket or summons will have an assigned court date for you to appear in the Municipal Court. If the ticket is a penalty assessment, a plea offer of a reduction of points and fines is listed on the ticket. If you elect to accept this offer, the early settlement payment needs to be paid and postmarked within 20 days of when you received the ticket. Your court appearance is not required if the ticket is paid within that 20 days. There are some cases that you may be able to pay prior to court.

If your traffic ticket does not include a plea offer, your appearance in court is mandatory. Anything listed on the Fine Schedule can be paid prior to court.

If you wish to plead not guilty, or your ticket is a mandatory court summons, you must appear in court on the date and time listed on your ticket.



Where is the Court located?

The Court is located in the Town Board room at the Leeper Center, adjacent to the Wellington Public Library. Court is held on the first Wednesday, every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) beginning at 5:00 PM (unless that day falls on a Holiday). It is important that you appear on time in order for you to be advised of your rights.

What is the maximum penalty that can be imposed in Municipal Court?

The maximum penalty that can be imposed in Wellington Municipal Court for Criminal Code violations committed by persons 18 years of age or older is a fine up to \$1,000 and 364 days in jail or a combination of both.

The maximum penalty that can be imposed on juveniles under 18 years of age is a fine up to \$500, with no jail.

The Court may also sentence a person to perform useful public service, attend education classes, pay restitution and other sanctions as the Court deems appropriate.

What happens when I appear in Court?

Your first appearance in court is called an arraignment. At arraignment you will be advised of your rights as well as advised of the charges against you. The judge will ask you how you wish to plead in your case: guilty, no contest, or not guilty. If you elect to plead guilty or no contest, the judge will assess any fines, costs, classes, public service, restitution or other sanctions the judge deems appropriate.

The Court accepts cash, checks, money orders or credit cards. Please make checks payable to the Town of Wellington. Payments are also accepted by telephone at (970) 568-3381.

What if I plead not guilty?

Upon a plea of not guilty, the judge will assign you a trial date within 91 days. At your trial, the Town has the burden to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. You do not have to prove your innocence. You are allowed, at trial, to testify and present evidence if you choose, but you are not required to. You are also allowed to call witnesses. If you wish the Court to issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify, you must provide the appropriate information to the Clerk no later than 20 days before trial. It is up to you to have the subpoenas personally served on the witnesses.

If you are found guilty of violating a Town ordinance, any penalties, costs or other sanctions will be assessed at that time. If you are found guilty of a traffic offense, all the points on the original charge will be assessed against your driving privileges. The judge does not have the ability to reduce points after a trial is held.

What if I need to complete classes or Useful Public Service (Community Service)?

If you are court ordered to complete a class or useful public service, you will receive all the information you need before you leave the court room. All useful public service must be completed at a non-profit agency. It is your responsibility to get proof of completion to the Court. This must be done by the due date given by the judge. If for any reason you cannot fulfill your court ordered obligations by the time given, you must appear in court on your due date. Failure to comply with any court order may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest.



Who can I call for more information?

For more information, please visit us online at WellingtonColorado.gov or call the Court Clerk at (970) 568-3381.

