

What happens when I receive a traffic ticket?



Does it look like this?

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE TO APPEAR
TOPEKA, KANSAS UNIFORM COMPLAINT AND NOTICE TO APPEAR

Unit No. _____ Shift _____ Case # **S 120042**

UNIFORM COMPLAINT AND NOTICE TO APPEAR

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, CITY OF TOPEKA:

ON OR ABOUT _____ AT OR NEAR (LOCATION) _____ AT (TIME) _____ M

FULL NAME LAST FIRST MI
ADDRESS _____ EMPLOYER _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____ RACE _____ SEX _____ HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____ STATE _____ CLASS _____ CDL _____
SS# _____

DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE _____ YEAR _____ VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____ COLOR _____
STATE _____ LICENSE NO. _____ EXPIRES _____ TYPE _____ COM. VEH. _____ HAZ. MAT. _____

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

AND THEN AND THERE DID COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE, TO WIT:

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Speeding _____ Driving _____ MPH in _____ MPH Zone _____
Disobeyed Stop Sign _____ Stopped _____ Walk Speed _____
Improper Turn _____ No Signal _____ Into Wrong Lane _____ Cut Corner _____ Front Wrong Lane _____ Prohibited
Left Right _____
Disobeyed Signal _____ Fast Middle of Intersection _____ Middle of Intersection _____
Have Reached Intersection _____

ZONES Construction ☐ School ☐

IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

NUMBER _____ VIOLATION _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ACTIONS WHICH CONSTITUTED OFFENSE ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND WERE MADE AT THE TIME OF FILING COMPLAINT, AS SET FORTH ON REVERSE SIDE (IF NEEDED).

* CONDITIONS WHICH INCREASED SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATIONS:

Slippery Pavement _____ Rain _____ Snow _____ Ice _____
Rear View _____ Fog _____ Rain _____
Just Missed Accident _____ Road Type: 2-Lane _____ 3-Lane _____ 4-Lane _____
Closest Person to Dodge: Pedestrian _____ Operator _____
Oncoming _____ Pedestrian _____
Other Traffic Present Same Direction _____
4-Lane Divided _____ 6-Lane Divided _____
Intersection _____
Head On _____ Rear End _____
In Accident Vehicle _____
Right Angle _____
Side Impact _____
Hit Fixed Object _____
Ran Off Road _____

I swear or verify under penalty of perjury the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE _____ DATE _____ APPT. EXP. _____

NAME & TITLE _____

THIS COMPLAINT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SWORN IF IT IS SIGNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

NOTICE TO APPEAR

THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS TO THE ABOVE PERSON:

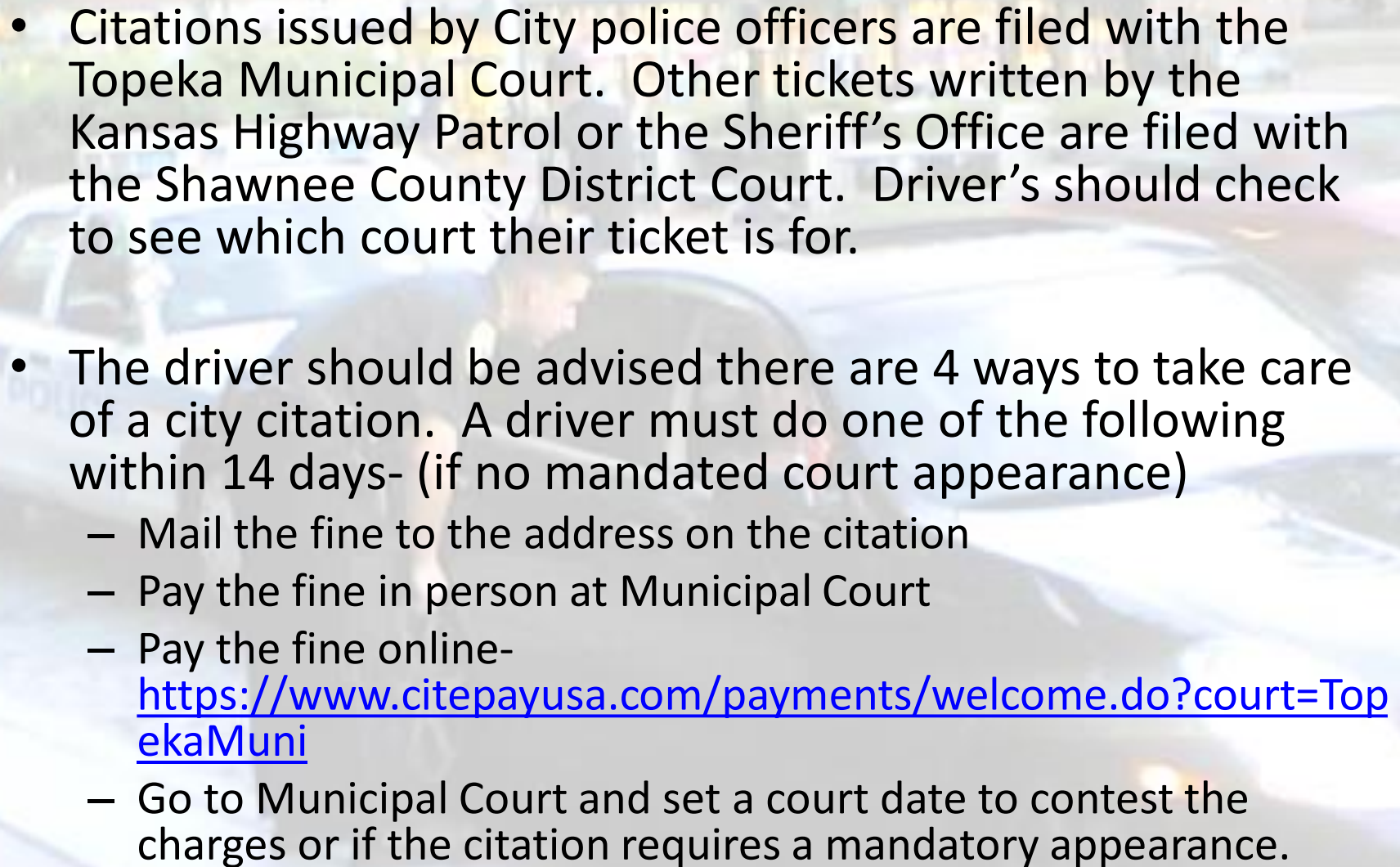
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Municipal court of Topeka, Kansas 66603, at 214 East 8th (South end of city building) within fourteen (14) calendar days, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday, to answer to the above complaint or pay fine. If you fail to appear, a Warrant will be issued for your arrest. A WARRANT FEE MAY APPLY, AND YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY BE SUSPENDED.

By _____ Dated _____ 20 _____

I Agree to Appear in said court at said time and place to post bond or pay the fine. My signature is not an admission of guilt.

X
DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE _____

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- Citations issued by City police officers are filed with the Topeka Municipal Court. Other tickets written by the Kansas Highway Patrol or the Sheriff's Office are filed with the Shawnee County District Court. Driver's should check to see which court their ticket is for.
 - The driver should be advised there are 4 ways to take care of a city citation. A driver must do one of the following within 14 days- (if no mandated court appearance)
 - Mail the fine to the address on the citation
 - Pay the fine in person at Municipal Court
 - Pay the fine online-
<https://www.citepayusa.com/payments/welcome.do?court=TopkaMuni>
 - Go to Municipal Court and set a court date to contest the charges or if the citation requires a mandatory appearance.

What happens once a citation has been issued?

- The citations are reviewed by supervisors at the Police Department to ensure they are correctly completed and that Department policies are followed.
- The City's Legal Department reviews the citations to ensure they are correct and legally sufficient.
- The citations are then filed with the Municipal Court and entered into the computer system.

What if it was a Digital Ticket?

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Unit No. 5048 Case #

UNIFORM COMPLAINT AND NOTICE TO APPEAR
STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, CITY OF TOPEKA
ON OR ABOUT (AT OR NEAR LOCATION) AT (TIME)
4/3/2017 08TH & ADAMS 9:00 AM

PLAINT NAME LAST FIRST MI
ADDRESS
CITY TOPEKA STATE KS ZIP 66605
BIRTH DATE MM DD YEAR AGE IN RACE SEX SEX HEIGHT IN WEIGHT LB
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER
DD YEAR VEHICLE MAKE MODEL YEAR CLASS COLOR
UNLAPPL 2012 NISSAN VERSA 40 40 GRY
OPERATE STATE KS LICENSE NO. EXPIRES 8/2017 COA VIEW MAY N
VIN

Charged Picked Actual
☐ School Zone ☐ Construction Zone ☐ Accident Determination

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|---|---|--------------|
| 1 | Violation: BRAKE LIGHTS REQ Section No. 810.1400 | Fine \$70.00 |
| 2 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 3 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 4 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 5 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 6 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 7 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |
| 8 | Violation: Section No. | Fine |

Subtotal Cost \$70.00
Total Fine \$140.00

*7 Days to Repair: to be inspected at the LEC, 320 Kansas Ave., 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM
I swear or verify under penalty of perjury the above is true and correct
to the best of my knowledge OFC v. LOWE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE: SET DATE DATE APPR. SFP

NAME & TITLE

THIS COMPLAINT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SWORN IF IT IS SIGNED BY A LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

NOTICE TO APPEAR
THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, TO THE ABOVE PERSON
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Municipal Court of Topeka, Kansas
06603, at 214 East 8th (South end of city building)
On 5/3/2017 at 10:00 AM
Failure to appear to the above complaint or pay fine if you fail to appear, a warrant will be issued
for your arrest. A WARRANT FEE MAY APPLY, AND YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY
BE SUSPENDED.

By: [Signature] Dated: 4/3/2017
I agree to pay this ticket cost at bid time and pay to post bond or pay the fine.

True
20170403

VOID
P.D.P.

This type of ticket is electronically filed and entered into the Municipal Court System.

Other agencies use the same forms

- TPD is not the only local agency to use the citation form
 - City of Topeka Parking
 - City of Topeka Animal Control
 - Washburn University Police
 - Veterans Affairs Police
 - Topeka Public School Police
- All these agencies send their tickets to TPD and they go through the same process for quality control.

FAQ

How does a driver's license become suspended?

- The State of Kansas Department of Revenue: Drivers Control Bureau oversees all Kansas Driver's License issues.
- Certain serious violations may affect the status of a person's license. Some of these are (but not all inclusive):
 - No Proof of Insurance
 - Driving Under the Influence
 - Driving While Suspended or Revoked
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer
 - Leaving the Scene of an Accident
 - Reckless Driving
 - Accumulation of Excessive Violations
 - Failure to Comply with a Citation

FAQ

Can I see my driving record?

- You can view and securely pay for your driving record online at <https://www.accesskansas.org/ssrv-mvr-ltd/> 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The fee for purchasing a driving record online is \$8.70.
- You can check the status of your driver's license 24 hours a day at:
<https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/DLStatus/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fApps%2fDLStatus%2fSecure%2fDefault.aspx>
x

FAQ

Can an officer issue a ticket if I see someone breaking a traffic law?

Generally for minor violations, an officer can issue a traffic citation where an officer is present and witnesses the violation. This helps ensure that the officer's testimony is admissible in court and avoids inconvenience to private citizens having to appear in court to testify as witnesses.

In other cases, the assistance of witnesses may be necessary in order prosecute the violation. These are usually more serious cases where threatened or actual harm or property damage is a concern.

If you have any questions

- Topeka Police Department

<https://www.topeka.org/tpd/>

785-368-9551

- Topeka Municipal Court

<https://www.topeka.org/municipalcourt/>

785-368-3776