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ARLINGTON GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

POLICY FOR RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.2-354

It is the policy of the Arlington General District Court to encourage Defendant's to pay their fines and costs and to avoid the suspension of their privilege to drive in Virginia due to non-payment.

-Defendants who are unable to pay their Fines and Costs (F&C) within the statutorily permitted 30 days after the conclusion of their case, should timely request, from the Judge, additional time to pay. This should be done immediately at the conclusion of the case so as to avoid unnecessary delay and repetitious preparation of forms by the Clerk.

-Defendants who discover that they are unable to completely pay their F&C within 30 days, may appear in the Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, prior to the expiration of the 30 days and receive additional time to pay.

-The Arlington District Courts have established a program for defendants to discharge all or part of the fines or court costs by earning credits for the performance of community service work. Restitution is not included in this program. A judge must approve request to complete community service hours in lieu of paying court costs. Request for community service may be made via Motion through the Clerk's Office.

-Defendants who have had their privilege to operate a motor vehicle in Virginia suspended due to non-payment of F&C may appear in the Clerk's Office prior to 8:30 am to request that their case(s) be sent to the Judge in 3B for a hearing on their request to make installment payments in criminal cases and 3C for traffic cases.

-Defendants who have had their privilege to operate a motor vehicle in Virginia suspended may present to the Judge any explanation as to why they have been unable to pay. The Court, after hearing their explanation, may require the Defendant to make an installment payment before lifting the suspension for F&C. Reasons that may be considered by the Judge include, but are not limited to:

- The length of time the amount has been owed.
- The number of cases upon which the F&C are owed.
- Whether the Defendant has recently been released from incarceration or a treatment program
- A prolonged period of unemployment.
- Whether the Defendant has entered into a payment plan with another Court.
- Any other extenuating circumstances that the Court finds constitutes good cause as to why the suspension should be lifted.

-Defendants who fail to appear on such Motion or whose Motion is denied may not file a subsequent Motion for 60 days.

-SHOULD ANY PETITIONER DEFAULT ON THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE COURT, THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO AGAIN SUSPEND THEIR PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIRGINIA.

ANY MOTION FOR TIME TO PAY ONLY APPLIES TO F&C THAT ARE OWED AS A RESULT OF A CONVICTION IN THE ARLINGTON GENERAL DISTRICT COURT. ANY F&C OWED TO ANY OTHER COURT MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THAT COURT.