

July 2017

PATRICK COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

PAYMENT PLAN POLICY

All fines and costs are due within 30 days of sentencing.

If the defendant is unable to make payment within the 30 days of sentencing and additional time is needed and upon request, the defendant may enter into a payment agreement with a one-time additional time to pay fee of \$10.00 assessed. As a condition of every such agreement, a defendant shall promptly inform the court of any change of mailing address during the term of the agreement.

Any down payment shall be a minimal amount to demonstrate the defendant's commitment to paying the fines and costs.

The court shall consider a request by the defendant that has defaulted on a payment agreement and requests to enter into a subsequent agreement. Upon such request, the court shall require a down payment:

The down payment shall not exceed 10% when fines and costs owed are \$500.00 or less;

The down payment shall not exceed 5% or \$50.00 whichever is greater when fines and costs owed are more than \$500.00.

In assessing the defendant's ability to pay, the court shall use a written financial statement form DC-211 to review the defendant's financial resources and obligations. The court may also require the defendant to present a compliance summary from the DMV. Any hardships will be heard and the clerk will make a decision which may be referred to the Judge for review upon request.

The defendant will be required to sign a DC-210 each time an agreement is extended or modified.

The clerk cannot extend restitution payment dates.