

CITY OF LEAWOOD AMENDMENT POLICY

The City Prosecutor's Office has implemented a policy allowing Court Clerks to process requests for traffic ticket amendments¹ or reduced fines² in certain instances, without requiring an appearance in court. Previously, all persons requesting traffic amendments or reduced fines were required to personally meet with the City Prosecutor. The City believes this new process will provide a more efficient service to persons charged with certain violations.

The following is a list of traffic violations that are eligible for amendment or reduced fine without a court appearance. A defendant who has been issued a citation for a moving violation **MAY** be eligible for an amendment to a non-moving violation for double the fine, if they meet the requirements listed below.

AMENDMENTS AND REDUCED FINES ARE A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT. Nothing herein shall be construed as an agreement or promise to amend or reduce your ticket.

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME THE AMENDMENT OR REDUCED FINE IS REQUESTED. IF YOU CANNOT PAY OR DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED, YOU MUST APPEAR ON YOUR COURT DATE.

| AMENDMENTS | | |
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| ELIGIBLE CHARGES | REQUIREMENTS | FINE AMOUNT |
| §14-103 - Speeding §12 -Traffic Control Device §13 – Disobey Traffic Light §32 – Basic Speed Rule §48 – Divided Highways §49 – Illegal Turn §51 – U-Turns §54 – Failure to Signal §59 – Disobey Stop Sign | 1. No accidents. 2. No amendments in a construction or school zone. 3. No amendments in the past 12 months. 4. For speeding violations, no more than 20 mph over posted speed limit and/or maximum speed of 89 mph. 5. Maximum of 2 infractions per ticket may be amended. 6. No unresolved charges remaining on ticket after amendment. 7. No objection by officer or other city staff. 8. No bench warrants issued for failure to appear. 9. Must be 18 or older. 10. No Leawood cases in collection status. | Double the fine on the ticket. |
| REDUCED FINE | | |
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| Expired Tags < 6 months | 1. Must provide proof vehicle was registered within 30 days of ticket date 2. No objection by officer or other city staff | Fine reduced to \$40.00 |

¹ An amendment involves reducing a moving violation to a non-moving violation upon payment of a higher fine.

² A reduced fine can be imposed upon a plea of guilty to certain tag violations upon proof the offending vehicle is now registered.