

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM (TSP)

The Traffic Safety Program (TSP) allows qualified defendants to participate in an online course that provides helpful driving tips on a variety of topics related to the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Upon successful completion of the course, the defendant's citation will be dismissed, therefore avoiding a conviction and points from being added to their driving record. The course consists of several modules that takes approximately two hours to complete. The program is flexible, can either be completed all in one sitting or can be paused between modules, and resumed later; either way the defendant has 60 days to successfully complete the program.

If you have been charged solely with one or more minor misdemeanor moving violations (a citation that does not require a court appearance) and meet the requirements below, you have the option of applying for the Traffic Safety Program.

DO NOT PAY YOUR TICKET ONLINE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM!

Are you Eligible?

ELIGIBLE REQUIREMENTS:	NOT ELIGIBLE if your citation has any of these items below:
❖ Must Provide Proof of Insurance to Court	❖ Reckless operation/Fleeing from Authorized Personnel
❖ Doesn't accompany a criminal charge	❖ Speeding Violation in a School Zone
❖ Hasn't completed the Traffic Safety Program w/in the last 3 years	❖ Traffic accident violations and violations that may result in liability issues; and/or
❖ Fine for ticket has not been paid already	❖ Intentional damage to property or injury to persons
❖ DOES NOT HAVE OR HAVE HAD A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL)	❖ Driving While Distracted ❖ Texting While Driving

If you choose to participate in the TSP, you must complete ALL of the requirements listed below:

1. **On or before the court date on the citation**, review and submit a signed copy of the Application and the Motion and Entry to Enter the Traffic Safety Program. It can be emailed to the Clerk's Office at court@sidneyoh.com, mailed, or brought in person to the Sidney Municipal Court at 110 W. Court St., Sidney, OH 45365.
2. Provide proof of automobile liability insurance covering the operation of the vehicle at the time of the traffic offense(s) unless the citation indicates it was shown to the officer.
3. Payment of the **total sum** of all fines and costs for all of the offenses for which you are charged **plus** an additional **\$50.00** to enter the Traffic Safety Program. Payment can be made **in person, by mail, or over the phone**. Please call the Court at 937-498-8712 for **your total amount due!**

The Court will review the application and notify the defendant by telephone or email whether or not the Judge approves the defendant for the program. If the defendant qualifies for the program, the Court will accept the defendant's guilty plea but will stay sentencing for 60 days to allow the defendant time to complete the program. The defendant can then register and pay the course provider directly. (Information about the course is available at www.safedriveronline.com or by telephone at 1-888-372-SAFE (7233).

Safe Driver Online will monitor the defendant's progress through the program and notify the Court when the defendant successfully completes the program or has exhausted their time to complete it, whichever comes first.

***With a successful completion, the Court will dismiss the case and no conviction will be reported to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV).

***If you do not complete the TSP despite being eligible to do so, a record of your guilty plea will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV) and points may then be assessed against your driver's license by the OBMV.

You are **NOT** entitled to any refund of monies paid to the court or to the defensive driving course.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT, SIDNEY, OHIO 45365
APPLICATION/WAIVER FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM (TSP)

If you are charged solely with one or more minor misdemeanor moving violations and meet the requirements below, you have the option of applying for the Traffic Safety Program. DO NOT PAY YOUR TICKET ONLINE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM!

ELIGIBLE REQUIREMENTS:	NOT ELIGIBLE if your citation has any of these items below:
❖ Must Provide Proof of Insurance to Court	❖ Reckless operation/Fleeing from Authorized Personnel
❖ Doesn't accompany a criminal charge	❖ Speeding Violation in a School Zone
❖ Hasn't completed the Traffic Safety Program w/in the last 3 years	❖ Traffic accident violations and violations that may result in liability issues; and/or
❖ Fine for ticket has not been paid already	❖ Intentional damage to property or injury to persons
❖ DOES NOT HAVE OR HAVE HAD A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL)	❖ Driving while Distracted ❖ Texting While Driving

If you are ELIGIBLE and COMPLETE in full the TSP, your case will be dismissed and you will not be convicted on the traffic charges in the case. If you FAIL to complete the TSP, the Court will accept your guilty plea below and you will be convicted on all of the traffic charges in your case. You are NOT entitled to any refund of monies paid to the court or to the defensive driving course.

If you choose to participate in the TSP, you must complete ALL of the requirements listed below:

1. You must mail, email, or otherwise deliver **all** of the following to the Sidney Municipal Court Clerk before your scheduled court date indicated on your citation:
 - a. This form with your plea, signature, and contact information added below.
 - b. Fill out and Sign the Motion and Entry (on Page 2).
 - c. Proof of automobile liability insurance covering the operation of the vehicle at the time of the traffic offense(s).
 - d. Payment of the **total sum** of all fines and costs for all of the offenses for which you are charged **plus** an additional **\$50.00** to enter the Traffic Safety Program. Payment may be made **In-Person, by mail, or Over the Phone**. Please call the Court at 937.498.8712 for **your total amount due!**
2. You must also pay for and complete the online defensive driving course offered by Safe Driver Online, Ltd. (SDO) at **SafeDriverOnline.com**. Completion of this application form below does not enroll you in the SDO course. The fee of **\$24.95** for the course is paid directly to Safe Driver Online and is in addition to the money that you send to the court for the TSP. Safe Driver Online's contact information is 888.372.SAFE (888.372.7233) or team@safedriveronline.com for any questions.
3. You must complete and pass the exam of the Safe Driver's Online course within 60 days. This deadline date will be mailed to you on an assignment notice from the Court. Once you have completed the online program, a notification will be emailed to the Clerk's office from SDO advising that you have finished your requirement.

***If you do not complete the TSP despite being eligible to do so, a record of your guilty plea will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV) and points may then be assessed against your driver's license by the OBMV.

By signing below, you are certifying that 1) you are eligible for the TSP; 2) you are willing to waive your right to appear at the court to contest the traffic charges in your case; and 3) you understand and accept the requirements of the TSP.

To apply for the TSP, check the box and then sign & complete the lines below:

I plead guilty to the traffic charges in my case. My plea of guilty is a complete admission of my guilt, and I accept the legal consequences of my actions.

Defendant Name (Print): _____ Case or Ticket Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Court Date: _____ Phone#: _____ Email Address: _____

Defendant Signature (REQUIRED): X _____ Date: _____

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT, SIDNEY, OHIO 45365

CASE NO. _____

STATE OF OHIO/CITY OF SIDNEY

PLAINTIFF

vs.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM
MOTION AND ENTRY

DEFENDANT

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MOTION OF CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA AND TIME WAIVER

1. The Defendant admits guilt to the offense(s) charged
2. The Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right for a Trial to be held within 30 days.
3. The Defendant knowingly and voluntarily enters a conditional Plea of Guilty, and understands that after completing the Traffic Safety Program, the Court will Dismiss this case.
4. The Defendant acknowledges the Safe Driver Online Course will need to be completed 60 days from date of this entry.
5. The Defendant acknowledges that failing to complete the Program will result in a finding of Guilty and a Judgment of Conviction against the Defendant, imposition of a fine and court costs, and the assessment of points against the Defendant's driver's license.
6. The Defendant acknowledges there will **not** be any refund of monies paid to the court or to the defensive driving course.

Defendant's Signature (REQUIRED): X _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

ENTRY AND ORDER

1. This Court finds the Defendant is eligible to be screened for the Traffic Safety Program.
2. This Court finds the Defendant knowingly and voluntarily admitted guilt to the offense(s) charged.
3. This Court finds the Defendant knowingly entered a conditional Plea of Guilty.
4. This Court finds the Defendant knowingly waived the right for a Trial to be held within 30 days.
5. This Court hereby stays its finding of Guilty, and stays the imposition of fines and court costs.
6. Upon Defendant's completion of the Program, the Court shall Dismiss this case.
7. If the Defendant fails to complete the Program, the Court shall enter a finding of Guilty, impose a fine and court costs, submit this conviction and points to the Ohio BMV, and apply all monies held as bond to case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE

CC:

Defendant

File