

## **Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction Matters**

**Grace Period:** Effective April 10, 2020, the Los Angeles Superior Court issued an automatic **90-day grace period** on all **Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction\*** matters.

The court **will take no action to send these matters to collections** if they remain unpaid and will not take action to access the permissible Assessments (fees and fines) for nonpayment.

There is no requirement to contact the Clerk's Office to take advantage of this relief.

**Release of Suspended Licenses:** Effective April 10, 2020, Traffic Infraction defendants who have **suspended driver's licenses due** to unpaid tickets can **call the Court to set a future hearing date and immediately have the Court request a release of their Driver's License Hold from the DMV.**

**Inability to Pay:** If you are experiencing financial or other difficulty relating to COVID-19 and are **unable to pay** or need a payment plan or an **extension for Traffic and Non-Traffic ticket matters**, or if the Traffic matter has **gone to collections**, **THERE ARE OPTIONS!**

All traffic and infraction trials set for trial from April 17, 2020 to May 12, 2020, inclusive, are continued. The court shall provide notice of when the new proceeding will be heard.

Click here for information and telephone numbers on page 2: <https://bit.ly/34qQBZa>

**What is an Infraction ticket?** The Los Angeles Superior Court defines an Infraction as follows:

You can receive an infraction ticket when you violate the vehicle code or local ordinances. You will usually pay a fine that will include a penalty assessment and fees. Depending of the type of violation, you can ask the judge for community service instead of paying the fine. You will not serve jail time for an infraction ticket. You may have a lawyer represent you but you will not be entitled to court appointed counsel. Some of the most common vehicle code infraction tickets are for:

- Speeding
- Expired license
- Expired registration
- Broken automobile equipment
- Running a red light or stop sign

Some of the common local ordinances violations (non-traffic) are:

- Building or housing codes
- Disturbing the peace
- Littering
- Dog without a license

<http://www.lacourt.org/division/traffic/TR0007.aspx>