

UNIFORM POLICIES RELATING TO TRAFFIC OFFENSES

TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR WHICH COURT APPEARANCE IS MANDATORY

(Adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges, October 9, 2009, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7A-148)

Applies To Offenses Committed On Or After December 1, 2009

1. All pleas of **not** guilty.
2. All felonies.
3. Impaired instruction. [G.S. 20-12.1]
4. Driving while (license) suspended, revoked or disqualified, driving while license revoked for impaired drivers license revocation after DMV has sent notification, or failing to appear for two years after date of implied-consent charge. [G.S. 20-28]
5. Driving a commercial motor vehicle without being licensed to do so, or driving a commercial motor vehicle while license suspended, revoked, or subject to a disqualification or out of service order. [G.S. 20-28(c); G.S. 20-37.12]
6. Possess fictitious, cancelled, revoked, suspended or altered license or identification card, or counterfeit, sell, lend, or permit use of license or identification card by another, or any other violation of G.S. 20-30 or G.S. 20-37.8.
7. Any violation involving false affidavit, or false statement under oath, or perjury. [G.S. 20-31; G.S. 20-112; G.S. 20-313.1; G.S. 20-17(5)]
8. Selling handicapped parking placards. [G.S. 20-37.6(c3)]
9. Any violation of the vehicle registration laws involving stolen, altered, or fictitious registration plates or certificates.
10. Failure to obey directions of a traffic officer, or of a fireman at the scene of a fire. [G.S. 20-114.1]
11. Unlawful use of red or blue lights on vehicle. [G.S. 20-130.1]
12. Driving while texting while operating a school bus. [G.S. 20-137.4A]
13. Driving while subject to an impairing substance. [G.S. 20-138.1]
14. Driving a commercial vehicle while subject to an impairing substance. [G.S. 20-138.2]
15. Operating commercial vehicle after consuming alcohol. [G.S. 20-138.2A]
16. Operating school bus, school activity bus, or child care vehicle after consuming alcohol. [G.S. 20-138.2B]
17. Driving by person under age 21 while drinking or after having consumed alcohol or controlled substance. [G.S. 20-138.3]
18. Driving with open container after drinking. [G.S. 20-138.7(a)]
19. Careless and reckless driving. [G.S. 20-140(a), (b), (f)]
20. Driving in excess of 80 mph. [G.S. 20-141]
21. Exceeding the applicable speed limit by over 15 mph while driving over 55 mph. [G.S. 20-141(j1)]
22. Racing (prearranged, spontaneous, permitting such use of an owned vehicle, betting on prearranged racing). [G.S. 20-141.3]
23. Death by vehicle. [G.S. 20-141.4]
24. Driving to elude arrest. [G.S. 20-141.5]
25. Aggressive driving. [G.S. 20-141.6]
26. Any violation of G.S. 20-142.1 through G.S. 20-142.5 (railroad grade crossing violations), if the driver is driving a commercial motor vehicle.
27. Failure to give way to the right when being passed proximately causing a collision resulting in serious bodily injury, bodily injury or property damage. [G.S. 20-149(b)(1)-(b)(2)]
28. Failure to stop for approaching emergency vehicles or any violation of G.S. 20-157 causing death, serious injury, injury or property damage. [G.S. 20-157(a), (h), (i)]
29. Failure to yield involving serious bodily injury. [G.S. 20-160.1]
30. Failure to stop, etc. at the scene of an accident, or failure to report such an accident. [G.S. 20-166; G.S. 20-166.1; G.S. 20-166.2]
31. Transporting spent nuclear fuel without notifying Highway Patrol. [G.S. 20-167.1]
32. Passing stopped school bus. [G.S. 20-217]
33. Any violation of the financial responsibility laws. [Chapter 20, Articles 9A and 13]
34. Any violation of the all-terrain vehicle laws. [Chapter 20, Article 3, Part 10C]
35. Violations of motor carrier safety and hazardous material regulations. [G.S. 20-396]
36. Any violation charged in the same citation, warrant, magistrate's order, or summons with a mandatory court appearance violation.

OTHER POLICIES RELATING TO TRAFFIC OFFENSES:

1. G.S. 7A-148 provides that the Conference of Chief District Court Judges shall prepare a "uniform schedule" of waivable traffic offenses and otherwise promote the "uniform administration of justice." In accordance with this statutory mandate, all judicial districts must adhere to this schedule, and individual judicial district policies deviating from this schedule are prohibited.
2. Where more than one charge is made on a uniform traffic citation, the defendant shall be fined only for the offense carrying the highest fine. Only one bill of costs will be assessed.
3. When a defendant is charged with two traffic offenses arising out of the same transaction, only one citation should be used. If an additional one or two offenses arising out of the same transaction are charged, they should be placed on a separate citation.
4. The traffic offenses waiver list does not apply to littering charges under G.S. 14-399(c) or (c1), if the defendant is charged with a second offense under the subsection.
5. An offense may be waived under #36 on the traffic offenses waiver list if it does not otherwise appear on these lists and it is located in one of the following Articles or Parts of Articles in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes: Article 2 (G.S. 20-5 through 20-37.02); Article 3, Part 9 (G.S. 20-115 through 20-137.2), Parts 10 and 10A (G.S. 20-138.1 through 20-171.2), and Part 11 (G.S. 20-172 through 20-175); and Article 3A (G.S. 20-183.2 through 20-183.8G).

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TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR WHICH COURT APPEARANCE MAY BE WAIVED

(on execution of written waiver of appearance and trial, and plea of guilty/responsible)

(Adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges, October 9, 2009, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7A-148)

Applies To Offenses Committed On Or After December 1, 2009

A. Speeding Violations:

1. Speed over the applicable limit (including a limit imposed by permit on a commercial vehicle) and over 55 mph but not over 80 mph	0-5	6-10	11-15	
Costs plus fine of	\$10	\$15	\$30	
2. Speed over the applicable limit (including a limit imposed by permit on a commercial vehicle) but 55 mph or under	0-5	6-10	11-15	16 & over
Costs plus fine of	\$10	\$15	\$30	\$50
3. Exceeding a safe speed or exceeding posted speed (where actual speed not specified) except as in No. 20 and No. 21 of mandatory appearances. [G.S. 20-141]				\$ 25 and Costs
4. Speeding in school zone or on school property. [G.S. 20-141(e1); G.S. 20-141.1]				\$ 50 and Costs
5. Driving too slowly. [G.S. 20-141(h)]				\$ 25 and Costs
6. Speeding in a work zone. [G.S. 20-141(j2)]				\$250 and Costs
7. Failure to reduce speed to avoid accident. [G.S. 20-141(m)]				\$ 50 and Costs

B. Other Violations:

1. Driving without, or with expired non-commercial drivers license (except when revoked or suspended), or operating motorcycle without proper license endorsement, or knowingly permitting an owned vehicle to be so operated, or violating restrictions on graduated licenses. [G.S. 20-7; G.S. 20-11; G.S. 20-32; G.S. 20-34]				\$ 50 and Costs
2. Failure to carry license while driving vehicle. [G.S. 20-7(a)]				\$ 25 and Costs
3. Illegal parking in handicapped space. [G.S. 20-37.6]				\$100 and Costs
4. Operating vehicle with improper dealer plates. [G.S. 20-79(e)(1)]				\$ 50 and Costs
5. Improper use of temporary registration plates issued by dealers. [G.S. 20-79.1]				Costs
6. Use of darkened windows in motor vehicle. [G.S. 20-127(b)-(d)]				\$ 50 and Costs
7. Failure to use headlights when wipers on. [G.S. 20-129(a)(4)]				\$ 5
8. Failure to dim lights. [G.S. 20-131; G.S. 20-181]				\$ 10 and Costs
9. Failure to use seat belts in <u>front</u> seat. [G.S. 20-135.2A]				\$ 25.50 and \$100.50 Costs
10. Failure to use seat belts in <u>rear</u> seat. [G.S. 20-135.2A]				\$ 10
11. Transporting child under 16 in open bed or open cargo area. [G.S. 20-135.2B]				\$ 25
12. Failure to use appropriate child restraint system. [G.S. 20-137.1]				\$ 25 and Costs
13. Cell phone use by driver under 18. [G.S. 20-137.3]				\$ 25
14. Driving while texting, except as in No. 12 of mandatory appearances. [G.S. 20-137.4A]				\$100 and Costs
15. Transporting alcohol in commercial vehicle. [G.S. 20-138.2C]				\$ 50 and Costs
16. Possession of open container of alcoholic beverage in motor vehicle. [G.S. 20-138.7(a1)]				\$ 25 and Costs
17. Failure to wear helmet, or having too many passengers, on motorcycle or moped. [G.S. 20-140.4]				\$ 25.50 and \$100.50 Costs
18. Lane violations. [G.S. 20-146]				\$ 50 and Costs
19. Driving left of center. [G.S. 20-148]				\$ 25 and Costs
20. Improper passing, except as in No. 27 of mandatory appearances. [G.S. 20-149(a), (b)(3); G.S. 20-150; G.S. 20-150.1]				\$ 50 and Costs
21. Following too closely. [G.S. 20-152]				\$ 35 and Costs
22. Improper turn, starting, stopping and/or improper signal. [G.S. 20-153; G.S. 20-154]				\$ 25 and Costs
23. Failure to yield right of way. [G.S. 20-155; G.S. 20-158.1]				\$ 35 and Costs
24. Failure to yield right of way to emergency vehicles, except as in No. 28 of mandatory appearances. [G.S. 20-156]				\$ 50 and Costs
25. Interfering with or failing to move over for emergency vehicles. [G.S. 20-157(b)-(f)]				\$250 and Costs
26. Failure to stop for stoplight or traffic control signal or stop sign. [G.S. 20-158]				\$ 50 and Costs
27. Failure to yield to pedestrian. [G.S. 20-158(b)(2)c]				\$100 and Costs
28. Driving the wrong way on a one-way street. [G.S. 20-165.1; G.S. 20-169]				\$ 50 and Costs
29. Failure to remove from the roadway a vehicle involved in an accident. [G.S. 20-166(c2)]				\$ 25 and Costs
30. Violation of bicycle helmet law. [G.S. 20-171.9]				\$ 10
31. Violation of vehicle inspection law. [G.S. 20-183.8(a); G.S. 20-384]				\$ 25 and Costs
32. Any parking violation other than violation of the handicapped parking laws.				\$ 25 and Costs
33. Violation of the vehicle registration laws, except as in No. 9 of mandatory appearances				\$ 25 and Costs
34. Height, length and width violations. [G.S. Ch. 20, Art. 3, Part 9]				\$ 25 and Costs
35. Improper vehicle equipment. [G.S. Ch. 20, Art. 3, Part 9]				\$ 25 and Costs
36. Any other traffic violation for which court appearance is not mandatory as explained in the policies on side 1				\$ 25 and Costs
37. Intentional or reckless littering under G.S. 14-399(c)				\$250 and Costs
38. Unintentional littering under G.S. 14-399(c1)				\$ 50 and Costs

NOTE: Policies applicable to the use of this waiver list are listed on side 1.