

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STATE OF OREGON
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

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In the Matter of the Authority	)	PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
Of the Violations Bureau	)	No. 26 - 003
	)	
	)	ORDER ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY
	)	OF COURT VIOLATIONS BUREAU

Pursuant to the provisions of ORS Chapter 153, this court has established a Violations Bureau to process traffic violations. The Violations Bureau handles cases efficiently, reducing costs and increasing convenience for the public and the Court.

Expanding the authority of the Violations Bureau to other types of violations will further reduce costs and increase convenience for the public and the court. Therefore, the authority of the Violations Bureau is hereby expanded as set forth below.

I.

Violations Assigned to Bureau

The authority of the Violations Bureau shall be expanded to process the following traffic and non-traffic violations as defined in ORS 153.008:

- Offenses designated as violations in the statute defining the offense;
- Offenses created by Oregon statute, or ordinance of a county, city, district or other political subdivision of Oregon, that provide violation of the law is punishable by fine but not by a term of imprisonment, including but not limited to traffic citations, dog citations, fish & wildlife citations; and
- Misdemeanors treated as violations by a prosecuting attorney pursuant to ORS 161.568.

II.

Schedule of Penalties

The Violations Bureau shall have authority to resolve cases in the following manner:

For class A, B, C, D, specific fine, and unclassified violations, upon a guilty or no contest plea, the minimum base fine established by ORS 153.015 to 153.021 shall be imposed as the fine, and a portion reduced based on the defendant's conviction history for the three years preceding the citation unless such reduction is precluded by the statutory minimum fine established for the violation, as shown on below chart.

CHART

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Classified Traffic Violations	Presumptive Fine	No Prior Convictions in Last 3 Years	1-2 Prior Convictions in Last 3 Years
Standard Traffic Violation			
(1) Class A violation	\$440	\$225	\$335
(2) Class B violation	\$265	\$135	\$200
(3) Class C violation	\$165	\$85	\$125
(4) Class D violation	\$115	\$65	\$90
Traffic Violation in Special Zone (Highway Work Zone, Posted School Zone, Safety Corridor)			
(5) Class A violation	\$875	\$440	\$660
(6) Class B violation	\$525	\$265	\$395
(7) Class C violation, speed only	\$325	\$165	\$245
(8) Class D violation, speed only	\$225	\$115	\$170

III.

Traffic Diversion

The Violations Bureau shall have authority to resolve cases through a traffic diversion in the following manner.

For class A, B, C, D, specific fine, and unclassified violations, upon a guilty or no contest plea, the minimum base fine established by ORS 153.015 to 153.021 shall be imposed as the fine, the total fine will be suspended, and the case ultimately dismissed as follows:

Zero (0) prior convictions within the last three (3) years ... Complete Salem Hospital High Risk Drivers' Course within 45 days and submit proof of completion within 10 days for dismissal otherwise presumptive fine.

IV.

Specific Fine Traffic Violation ORS 811.109(5) and ORS 818.020

Specific fine traffic violations, ORS 811.109(5), and ORS 818.020 shall be set on the first and third Monday of the month at 3:00 PM before the Court in C4 for a mandatory appearance or trial as appropriate. If the scheduled court day falls on a court holiday, then it shall be set on the next available court docket designated for the same purpose.

V.

Possession Diversion

The Violations Bureau shall have authority to resolve cases through an underage possession diversion in the following manner.

For an offense pertaining to underage possession of alcohol or marijuana by adults (as defined by ORS 475B.015).

Zero (0) prior convictions Attend Salem Hospital High Risk Drivers' Course within 90 days and submit proof of completion for dismissal otherwise presumptive fine.

One (1) or two (2) prior convictions Minimum Fine per SOF-23.

Three (3) or more prior convictions No Reduction

VI.

Money Judgments and Awards

Pursuant to ORS 18.075, all judgments that impose a fine in a violations case shall be docketed in the judgment docket.

VII.

Diversion Program Option Limit

Opting for a diversion program as permitted under sections III and V above is limited to not more than once every five (5) years.

VIII.

Any offense that is subject to this Order and the offender has failed to appear on the scheduled court date shall not be allowed to follow the alternative resolution described in this Order.

2023 Schedule of Fines is attached to this Order for reference purposes.

This Presiding Judge Order supersedes PJO 21- 001, 22-003, 24-001, 25-001 Amended and all previous orders on the same subject.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28 day of September 2026.



Norman R. Hill
Presiding Judge