

PUBLIC NOTICE: GARDEN RIDGE MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS AND RESPONSE TO THE DEVELOPING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CORONAVIRUS (COVID -19) AND COURT APPEARANCES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Garden Ridge Municipal Court, with high regard for the safety of the community and our staff, will offer Virtual Court Hearings to the public for appearances. Should you not have the ability or technology to participate in a remote/virtual proceeding then please "Appear in Person" on your assigned court date and time, or you may be able to resolve the citation by the following contact-free methods:

Directions for requesting a virtual court hearing are located on the back of this page.

- Call 210-651-6632 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm)
- Email us at court@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
- Virtual Court Dockets (see website for more information or contact the court)
- Go online to [request defensive driving or make a payment](#)

All individuals are encouraged to **call or email the Court** in lieu of making personal appearances to take care of their court business.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT VIA PHONE OR BY MAIL TO RESOLVE YOUR CASE ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

If you are over age 65 or have a serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, or you have an immune system compromised by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy please contact the court by calling **210-651-6632** to discuss alternate accommodations to resolve your case.

ATTORNEYS

All attorneys may use the following email address to communicate with the court to resolve citations court@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Online Payment

(plus a 3% processing fee)

Payments can be made in full or pay off remaining balances: [Pay Online](#)

- To determine if you are eligible for deferred disposition, see City Website at <https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/144/Citation-Options>
- To determine if you are eligible for a driver safety course, see City Website at <https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/144/Citation-Options>

Mail Payment

Garden Ridge Municipal Court
9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Make check or money order payable to: City of Garden Ridge

Clearly print the citation/case number on the check or money order to ensure the correct citation is credited.

Please check the City website periodically for changes and updates.

<https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/96/Municipal-Court>

PLEASE NOTE: ALL HEARINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA OUR VIRTUAL COURT SYSTEM

To address your citation in an online video hearing:

- Email the court at court@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us with the following information prior to your court date
- Include your photo ID in your email and docket or citation number
- Include your PLEA to the violation(s): Guilty, Not Guilty or No Contest
- Make sure your laptop, desktop, tablet, or smartphone has a functioning camera and microphone
- You must have an electronic device that is compatible with ZOOM
- If your case is eligible for a virtual hearing, you will receive further instructions by email from the court

***If you do not have internet access or an electronic device contact the court in person, by mail, or call 210-651-6632 if you have questions on your court appearance.**

For those who choose to appear at court, social distancing and face coverings are required. Only defendants are allowed in court, unless the defendant is a juvenile.

Please Note: All trials are suspended and will be reviewed in late September for potential future settings.