

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF ASHLAND
COUNTY OF JACKSON, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Traffic School)
Safety Program)

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 2020-01**

RECITALS

1. The Ashland Municipal Court has been granted jurisdiction to adjudicate all State Motor Vehicle Code Offenses, which include both traffic violation and crimes which occur within the city limits of Ashland.
2. The Court seeks to establish a program for certain class B, C, and D violations which allows the person to partake in an educational opportunity that refreshes driver's knowledge and awareness of the traffic laws, defensive driving, and other traffic safety procedures through a process known as Traffic School.
3. Many courts throughout Oregon as well as the United States use a Traffic School Safety Program.
4. The court staff and Police Department endorse the concept of Traffic School for qualified drivers as a method to educate drivers on current traffic laws and safe driving techniques.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Traffic School Safety Program will be called "Traffic School."
2. The Traffic School program shall cover all moving violations designated as Class B (even if the presumptive fine is enhanced for school zone, safety corridor, or highway work zone), class C, and Class D.
3. To be eligible for Traffic School, a person must have a valid driver's license or permit.
4. A person is not eligible for this program if they:
 - a. Hold a commercial driver's license (CDL).
 - b. Previously participated in a traffic school or safety/diversion program in this Court or any other court in this state or any other state within two (2) years prior to the date of offense in this case.
 - c. Currently participate in any traffic school program.
 - d. Previously participated in any prior diversion program for a crime involving the operation of a vehicle.

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5. Prior participation in the Court's seatbelt class does not disqualify a person from Traffic School.
6. When there are multiple violations on the same citation, Traffic School will only be applicable to one moving violation.
7. The driver shall complete the traffic safety course designated by the Court at the expense of the person cited. This course shall be completed within 120 days of signing up for Traffic School. This fee is paid directly to the designated program.
8. Within 120 days of entering Traffic School, the person shall pay to the Court the Traffic School fee listed in the current schedule of Court fees.
9. If the person completes the program, including payment of the Court's fee, the plea is deemed withdrawn and the violation is dismissed.
10. Failure to complete the course or provide verification of course completion if required will result in a conviction for the offense being entered, and the presumptive fine imposed in full. Failure to comply with the Court's order to pay the fee will result in the fine plus additional charges up to \$250.00 being turned over to a collection agency. Any funds paid for the Traffic School shall not be credited or refunded.
11. Court clerks are authorized to implement the Traffic School program as part of the Violations Bureau.
12. This order can be amended by the Court from time to time as needed.

THIS ORDER SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNING BELOW.

Dated the 28th day of September, 2020

Pamela B. Turner

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Municipal Court Judge
Ashland Municipal Court