

Warrants

ACTIVE WARRANT LIST

There are two types of warrants that may be issued by the court:

- **Alias Warrants** are issued for individuals who fail to appear to answer to C misdemeanor charges.
- **Capias Pro-Fine** are issued when an individual has been assessed a fine but has failed to comply with the court's orders.

In most cases, when a warrant for arrest is necessary, a notice may be sent to you at the address shown on your ticket. This notice outlines the violations charged against you and fines associated with them.

A warrant can be issued for your arrest when you:

- Do not respond to your ticket by the appearance date on the citation
- Do not appear for your court date
- Do not pay a fine assessed by a judge
- Do not complete the Driving Safety Course requirements and do not appear to show cause
- Do not comply with the terms of your probation and the probation is revoked
- Default on payment arrangements
- Fail to comply with a community service order

Once a citation has gone into warrant status additional fees will be added to the fine amount and court costs. You have 21 days to make a court appearance regarding your citation. After 21 days, if you have not made acceptable disposition of your case, an arrest warrant will be issued.

You are subject to arrest and information about you and your vehicle is entered into a statewide police database. Should you be stopped for any reason, the law enforcement officer will be notified that there is an outstanding warrant for your arrest. You will be taken to jail, and your vehicle will be impounded. Additionally the Forest Hill Police Department routinely serves warrants by arresting persons at their home and or place of employment.

Forest Hill Municipal Court is serious about serving arrest warrants, and it is suggested that you consider this a serious matter as well. It will be costly and embarrassing to be arrested at your home or business.

If your case is in active warrant status the following options are available to you:

1. Appear at the Municipal Court Clerk office located at 3219 California Pkwy in City Hall and pay the amount due on your case.
 - Only **cash, credit cards, cashier's check or money order** will be accepted for any case that is or has been in active warrant status. **No personal checks will be accepted.**
 - When you have posted cash bond for the amount due, your case(s) will be scheduled for a court appearance to see the Judge about your case. When you see the Judge, you can enter your plea, ask for a trial, or you can request to be put on probation.
2. Pay online using the secure **online payment link.**

3. Should you be arrested by the Forest Hill Police Department or any other law enforcement agency, you will be given "credit for time served" in the amount of \$100 per day (each 24 hours) towards the total fine and court costs due.

If your warrant has been assigned for collection, the **collection agency** will contact you with information about your warrant and methods of payment accepted. If you are working with the collection agency, be aware that your warrant is still active and you are subject to arrest until the warrant amount has been paid in full.

All warrants over 60 days old are sent to collection and an additional 30% fee is added to each case.

To contact the collection agency, MVBA: Phone Toll-free **1-866-955-5455**.

The Forest Hill Municipal Court does have a contract with OMNIBASE a third party vendor to the Texas Department of Public Safety. If your case is filed with OMNIBASE there will be an additional \$30 fee that is added to the balance and there will be a hold placed on your driver's license. You will be unable to renew your driver's license until your case is resolved with the Forest Hill Municipal Court.

Bonds

If you want to plead "not guilty" to the warrant charge you must come appear in person to post the required bond so that your case can be given a trial date. There are three types of bonds:

- **Cash bonds** may be posted at the Forest Hill Municipal Court.
- **Surety bonds** are accepted from approved bail bond agencies or attorneys.