

EDGERTON JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

For citations issued by:

City of Edgerton

Town of Fulton

Town of Albion

At your initial appearance, when your case is called, come forward in front of the Judge. You will be asked if you are the person named in the citation and if your address is correct. If the address is not current, you will be asked to give your current address to the Court Clerk.

The Judge will go over the citation with you, explaining the nature of the charge and the range of penalties if you are found guilty.

You will be asked to enter a plea of Guilty, Not Guilty or No Contest. By law, if you enter a plea of Guilty or No Contest (a No Contest plea means you are neither admitting nor denying the charge, but are not going to contest it) the Court must find you Guilty and will impose a fine and/or other appropriate penalty as provided by law. Under a plea of Guilty or No Contest you will not be able to tell your side of the story.

If you plead Not Guilty, the court will set your case for trial at a future date. You will also be ordered to participate in a telephone Pre-Trial Conference with the City or Town Prosecutor. The name and phone number of the Prosecutor will be given to you at the time of your Initial Appearance. If you do not participate in the Pre-Trial Conference, this allows the Court to find you Guilty without even having a trial, so it is essential that you participate in the Pre-Trial Conference. This conference will give you the chance to discuss your case with the Prosecutor.

All trials are to the Court (they are not Jury Trials) with the exception that if you are charged with first offense OWI/PAC/OCS (Driving while under the influence) you may request a jury trial to be held in the Circuit Court of the County where the incident occurred if you file a written request for a jury trial within 10 days of your Initial Appearance and post the required jury fees.

Either party may appeal a decision of this Court by making a written request within 20 days of the trial and paying the appropriate appeal fees. Either party may request a Substitution of Judge by making a written request within 7 days of the Initial Appearance. If you are here for your Initial Appearance, you have the right to request a one time continuance and if so requested, your case will be continued until the next Initial Appearance court night. If your case goes to trial, you should bring any witnesses or evidence to court that may be relevant to your case.

If you plead Guilty or No Contest, or are found Guilty after a trial, the penalties the Court can impose include:

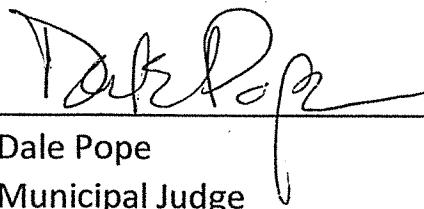
-A fine (also known as a forfeiture), including court costs and fees as provided by law. You will be given at least 60 days to pay the fine.

-If the fine is not paid on time and you are not granted an extension, the Court can send your case to the State of Wisconsin or other appropriate collection agency for collection of the fine.

-The Court can order you to pay restitution to the victim if you caused injury or property damage up to \$10,000.

-If you are convicted of a traffic offense, there may be demerit points assessed against your Driver's License. This may cause your Driver's License to be suspended or revoked. Other traffic offenses may result in the automatic suspension or revocation of your license.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this document or about your ticket(s), be sure to ask the Judge when you appear before him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Pope", written over a horizontal line.

Dale Pope

Municipal Judge

Edgerton Joint Municipal Court