

CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS AMENDMENT POLICY

WESTWOOD HILLS MUNICIPAL COURT

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The City Prosecutor's Office has implemented a policy allowing Court Clerks to process requests for traffic ticket amendments or reduced fines in certain limited circumstances. Previously, all persons requesting traffic amendments or reduced fines on most equipment charges were required to personally speak to a City Prosecutor on their scheduled court date. The City believes this new process will provide a more efficient service to residents and visitors to our City charged with certain violations. If you qualify based on the criteria below, please visit the Court Clerk's office during hours of operation.

The following is a list of traffic violations that are eligible for amendment or a reduced fine without a court appearance. A defendant who has been issued a citation for a moving violation **MAY** be eligible for an amendment to a non-moving violation for double the fine, if they meet the requirements listed below. The fine for some equipment violations **MAY** also be dismissed.

AMENDMENTS AND REDUCED FINES ARE A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT. Nothing herein shall be construed as an agreement or promise to amend or reduce your ticket. If you do not meet the requirements below, you may appear for your scheduled court date and speak with a City Prosecutor at that time. The decision to offer an amendment or reduced fine is within the discretion of all City Prosecutors. This policy is subject to revision by the City Prosecutor's Office.

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME THE AMENDMENT OR REDUCTION IS REQUESTED.
IF YOU CANNOT PAY, YOU MUST APPEAR ON YOUR COURT DATE AND SPEAK WITH A CITY PROSECUTOR.

TRAFFIC AMENDMENTS FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS

ELIGIBLE CHARGES	REQUIREMENTS	FINE AMOUNT
§ 310.010 - Speeding § 12 - Traffic Control Device § 13 - Disobey Traffic Signal § 15 - Flashing Traffic Signal § 32 - Basic Speed Rule § 34 - Minimum Speed § 43 - Driving Left of Center § 46 - Laned Roadways § 48 - Divided Highways § 49 - Illegal Turn § 50 - Illegal Turn § 51 - U-Turns § 54 - Failure to Signal § 59 - Disobey Stop Sign	1) No accident. 2) Not in a construction zone or school zone. 3) Not a CDL holder. 4) No amendments in the past 12 months. 5) No objection by Officer or City staff. 6) For speeding violations, no more than 20 mph over posted speed limit and/or maximum speed of 60 mph. 7) Maximum of 2 infractions per ticket may be amended. 8) No unresolved charges remaining on ticket after amendment. 9) No bench warrants issued for failure to appear. 10) Must be 18 or older.	Double the stated fine for the violation on the ticket to amend to the illegal parking (a non-moving violation), plus mandatory court costs.

REDUCED FINE FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

ELIGIBLE CHARGE	REQUIREMENTS	FINE AMOUNT
Taillights/Brake lights Defective Headlights Broken Mirrors Defective Windshield	1) Must provide proof violation was corrected within 10 days of ticket date. 2) No objection by Officer or City staff. 3) Maximum of 2 equipment violations per ticket may be dismissed.	Violation will be Dismissed. No fine.