



## Twenty Second Judicial District Court

27331 South River Park Dr. Inkster MI 48141

# “Steps to getting your driver’s license back”

### If you have lost your license due to unpaid traffic tickets:

These unpaid tickets show up on your driving record with the word “Suspension” next to it on the left hand side.

1.) You must go to the District Court *in the city in which you received the ticket* to pay it.

Once you pay the ticket amount, plus the \$45 clearance fee, you will receive the clearance papers and SOS will be notified by the Court that you have cleared this.

Sometimes it takes up to 60 days for notice, so you should retain the clearance papers for your records.

2.) Once you have cleared all the suspensions, you should take all your clearances to Secretary of State. At that time you will be required to pay a \$125 re-instatement fee.

### If you have lost your license due to a misdemeanor traffic violation:

Once you plea to a misdemeanor traffic violation you will receive notice from Secretary of State notifying you of when your suspension will begin, and when it will end. On average, suspensions begin approximately two weeks from the date you enter a plea.

You may also receive notice from the Department of Treasury indicating you owe Driver Responsibility Fees. Sometimes payment plans are available if you are unable to pay these fees in full. The contact number is 517-636-5240.

A complete list of misdemeanor traffic violations and their suspension terms can be found here:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Offense\\_Code\\_73877\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Offense_Code_73877_7.pdf)

A list of common offenses are on the back of this sheet.

If this misdemeanor case was not resolved in a timely manner, you may be required to pay a \$45 clearance fee.

Once your period of suspension is over you will need to go to Secretary of State and pay a \$125 re-instatement fee.



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If you have lost your license  
due to an OWI 2<sup>nd</sup> conviction:

Please ask the Court for a separate form which lists the steps you will need to take to apply to have your license reinstated.

If you have not had a license in four years or more you will be required to take a written test and a road test.

IT MAY BE BENEFICIAL FOR YOU TO GET A COPY OF YOUR DRIVING RECORD FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR \$9.

#### There are three different fees associated with your license:

- Clearance fees: \$45; are paid to the court.
- Driver Responsibility fees: vary depending on charge; are assessed for 2 consecutive years; are paid to the Department of Treasury
- Reinstatement fees: \$125, payable to Secretary of State

*If you are still unclear about what you need to do to get your license back, please contact the Court’s Probation Officer,*

*Breana A. Purdy, for further assistance*



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### Common misdemeanor offenses and their corresponding **license sanctions:**

Reckless Driving	1 <sup>st</sup> : 90 day suspension; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Revoked
Operating While Impaired	Restricted for 90 days
Operating While Intoxicated	Suspended for 30 days, restricted for 150 days after
Operating While Intoxicated 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Revoked. Must have Driver’s Appeal Hearing
Driving While License Suspended	30 days as appropriate
Failure to Display Valid License	No suspension period
Drug crimes	6 months suspension, restrict after 30 days

### Common misdemeanor offenses which carry **driver’s responsibility fees:**

Driving While License Suspended 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$500 for two years consecutively
Driving While License Suspended 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$500 for two years consecutively
Operating While Impaired	\$500 for two years consecutively
Operating While Intoxicated	\$1,000 for two years consecutively
Operating While Intoxicated 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,000 for two years consecutively

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