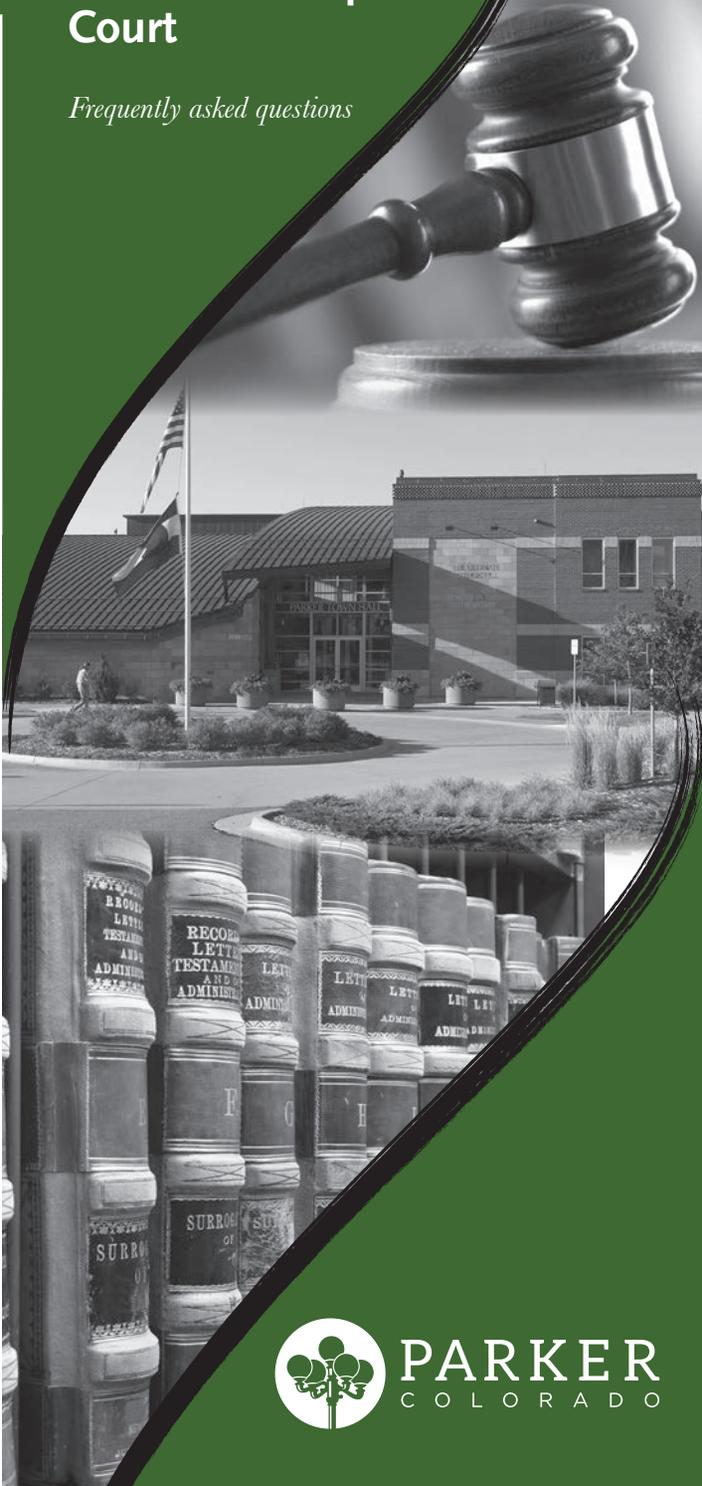


Parker Municipal Court

Frequently asked questions



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What does the Parker Municipal Court do?

The Parker Municipal Court processes Town ordinance and traffic violations. The Court does not handle civil cases, DUI's, drivers license violations or registration violations. These violations are heard at the Douglas County Court in Castle Rock. Their number is 720.437.6200.

What happens when I receive a summons?

If you receive a summons in the Town of Parker, you will be given an assigned Court date. If the summons is a penalty assessment, the reduction in points and fines are on the ticket. If you elect to accept this offer, point reduction instructions are found on the lower portion of the ticket. Remember to sign the bottom of your summons if you are mailing your payment. Your Court appearance is not required if the summons is paid.

Some traffic violations may also be eligible for a plea bargain in the mail. If this is the case, you will receive the plea prior to your Court date. All fines are increased in safety sensitive and construction zones. If you wish to plead not guilty, you must appear in Court on the date and time listed on your summons. If your summons does not include a plea offer, your appearance in Court is mandatory. You may check our website at www.ParkerOnline.org to see if you are eligible to pay and avoid a court appearance. Please allow seven to ten days for the summons to be processed.

Where is the Court located?

The Court is located at Parker Town Hall, 20120 E. Mainstreet. Court is held on select Tuesdays beginning at 3 p.m. It is important that you appear at your assigned time. This is done in an effort to accommodate all of the people who come to Court.

What happens when I appear in Court?

Your first appearance in Court is called an arraignment. At this time you will be given an advisement of rights, and see the Town Attorney to discuss your case. You may be offered a plea bargain.

You will then enter the Courtroom. The judge will ask you how you wish to plead in your case: guilty or not guilty. If you elect to plead guilty, the judge will assess any fines at this time. If you need time to pay the fines, you will be given a future date for payment. The Court accepts cash, checks or credit cards. Credit card payments can be made on our Web site, located at www.ParkerOnline.org. Please make checks payable to the Parker Municipal Court. Payments are not accepted by telephone.

What if I need to complete classes or community service?

If you are Court ordered to complete a class or community service, you will receive all the information you need before you leave the Court. It is *your* responsibility to get proof of completion to the Court. This must be done by the due date given by the judge. Failure to comply with any Court order may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest. If for any reason you cannot fulfill your Court ordered obligations by the time given, please contact the Court Clerk at 303.805.3195. All community service must be completed at a non-profit agency.

What if I plead not guilty?

Upon a plea of not guilty, the judge will assign you a trial date within three months. At trial, the Town has the burden to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. You do not have to prove your innocence. You are allowed at trial to testify and present evidence if you choose, but you are not required to testify. You are also allowed to call witnesses.

If you are found guilty of a traffic offense all the points on the original charge will be assessed against your driving privilege. The judge does not have the ability to reduce points after a trial is held. If you are found guilty of violating a Town ordinance, any penalties will be assessed at that time.

What is the LEAS fee?

The Town of Parker has a Law Enforcement Assistance Service (LEAS) surcharge. It is a total of 37 percent of all fines and costs. This program provides crisis intervention, follow-up care and referral information for victims and others in crisis situations.

Who can I call for more information?

For more information, please visit us online at www.ParkerOnline.org or call the Court Clerk at 303.805.3195.

When is the Court office open?

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday