

CLEARANCE FEES

Clearance Fees come about solely because you received a ticket and for whatever reason did not take care of it. There are a couple of designations for this situation.

FAC means you “Failed to Answer the Complaint.” You received the ticket and did not send in a plea or appear to resolve it.

FCJ means you “Failed to Comply with Judgment.” You appeared but failed to pay the ticket or resolve the matter completely.

Once these fees apply, your license is suspended. Not taking care of these and getting stopped can cause major headaches and cost you a lot of money. Keep in mind these can apply to driving misdemeanors such as Driving While License Suspended and Reckless Driving as well as civil infractions like Speeding or Stop Sign violations.

Clearance Fees are \$45.00 and must be paid at the District Court in whose jurisdiction the ticket was written. Even though you pay the underlying ticket off, your license will remain suspended until the Clearance Fee is paid.

One final note: If you’ve been unfortunate enough to spend enough time in jail and you get credit for time served regarding any fines and costs that have been assessed, you will *still* owe the Clearance Fee. (Yes, even a lowly seat belt ticket, if ignored long enough, can result in a bench warrant for your arrest.)

If you ever have a question regarding the status of your driving privileges, you can go to the Secretary of State and obtain a copy of your driving record for \$7.00.

If this has gotten a bit confusing, don’t worry – you’re not alone. Give me a call at 313-610-6047.