Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I pay my ticket?

- You may pay, via mail, by certified check, cashier's check, or money order to the Court.
- You may pay by credit/debit card online at https://publicaccess.courts.in.gov/pay.
- You may pay via phone at (317) 803-9155.
- Online payments are preferred.

2. How can I find out what I owe?

Please visit <u>www.bgcitycourt.com</u>. You may also call the City Court at (317) 803-9155 for ticket information if you provide us with the ticket number or name on the ticket. Call during business hours Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. Where are you located? Where do I pay my ticket in person?

Beech Grove City Court, 103 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Beech Grove, IN 46107

The Court Offices are open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Court Offices are **CLOSED** on Mondays and Fridays.

4. Do you accept personal checks?

No. We will accept certified checks, cashier's checks, money order by mail. Cash payments will be accepted, if tendered directly to the Court.

5. Do you accept credit card and debit cards?

Yes. You can pay online or over the phone with your credit/debit card. We do not accept credit/debit cards at the court office.

To pay online, visit: https://publicaccess.courts.in.gov/pay. You will need your ticket number or cause number to complete the payment transaction.

6. Is there an after-hours drop box for ticket payments?

No.

7. Can I mail in my payment?

Yes. The court's mailing address is:

Beech Grove City Court 103 Main Street, 2nd Floor Beech Grove, IN 46107

Please do not mail cash.

8. Can I pay for my ticket online?

Yes. To pay online, visit: https://publicaccess.courts.in.gov/pay. You will need your ticket number or cause number to complete the payment transaction.

9. When is my payment due?

Generally, a payment is due within sixty (60) days of receipt of a citation.

10. Do I have to come to court?

If you have denied the allegations of your ticket you must appear for your trial date.

11. Can I request a trial?

Yes, you have the right to a trial at which the issuing Officer would be present. You may bring any witnesses or evidence to the trial. The Court will assist you in bringing witnesses to trial.

12. If I come to court, do I have to pay my fine that day? Can I set up a payment plan?

No. We do not accept partial payments, but the Court can give you extra time to make a full payment.

13. What is the penalty for missing a court date and not paying?

There is a \$25 late fee for all tickets not paid by the date assigned by the court, and any unpaid fines and court costs will be sent to an outside collection agency for action. Further, if you Fail to Pay your ticket on or before your court date or Fail to Appear at your court date, the City Court will notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to suspend your driver's license. The next notice you will receive will be from the BMV notifying you of the suspension of your driving privileges.

14. If I pay my ticket, will I get points on my driving record?

Yes, if your ticket was for a moving violation, such as Speeding or Unsafe Lane Change. The points will be part of your driving record for two years. If your ticket was for a non-moving violation, such as Expired License Plate, then no, you will not get points on your license.

15. How many points am I allowed on my license?

The (BMV) allows 16 points to accumulate on an individual driving record over a two-year period. If you have more than 16 points, the BMV will suspend your license and order you to attend an administrative hearing about your driving record.

A listing of the points assigned to some violations is provided below. A complete listing is available from the BMV.

Driver's License Point Assessment

OFFENSE	POINTS
Disregarding Automatic Signal	4
Disregarding Stop Sign	6
Disregarding Traffic Control Device	6
Driving While Suspended	8
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way	6
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	8
Improper Turn	4
Improper Lane Usage	4
No Proof of Financial Responsibility	2
Speeding (1-15 MPH over)	2
Speeding (16-25 MPH over)	4
Speeding (+ 26 MPH over)	6
Wrong Way on a One Way	6

Points remain active on your license for two years. You are allowed to accumulate 16 active points over a two-year period.

16. Can I take a defensive driving class instead of paying my ticket?

No. If you wish to pay your ticket prior to your court date, and then take a defensive driving class to get credit toward the points on your license, you can call the <u>Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles</u> at (317) 233-6000 The Defensive Driving Course will give you credit for 4 points on your license. You can only take a Defensive Driving Course once every 3 years.

If you are convicted of two traffic violations in a twelve (12) month period of time, the BMV will require you to attend a defensive driving course. Your failure to attend a course as required will result in your license being suspended.

17. Do you have a diversion or deferral program?

No, the Beech Grove City Court does not have a diversion or deferral program. However, the Prosecutor's Office does have a diversion and a deferral program (for infractions), and the City Attorney does have a deferral program (for ordinance violations).

If you wish to avoid getting points on your license, visit https://publicaccess.courts.in.gov/pay.

18. How many points do I have on my license currently?

The Court does not have that information. You can call the BMV at (888) 692-6841 with any questions about your driving record.

19. I got a notice from the BMV that my license is suspended. What do I need to do to get it reinstated?

If you Fail To Pay your ticket or Fail To Appear in Court, the Court will notify the BMV to suspend your driving privileges. To find out how much you owe at this point, you can call the City Court at (317) 803.9155.

You may pay in person or by mail. Once the City Court receives your payment, we will electronically submit the SR16, the Certification of Indiana Abstract of Court Record, reporting your payment to the BMV the same day. If you were suspended for Failure to Pay, it may take up to three (3) working days to reinstate your license.