

POLICY FOR FINES & COSTS
ASSESSED BY THE CLARKE COUNTY JDR COURT
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Each defendant appearing before this Court who has been assessed fines, costs and/or penalties at sentencing is encouraged to pay the money due and owed on the date of appearance.

If the defendant is unable to pay the fines and costs on the day of judgement but CAN pay within 90 days, no default will occur. If the defendant cannot pay the monies owed within 90 days, then the defendant can enter a time to pay/deferred payment agreement for a fee of \$10.00 (fee cannot be waived) This fee is a one-time only.

NOTE: Interest will begin accruing on the 181st day after the trial date if the defendant has not entered into a payment agreement. If incarcerated the interest will accrue after the 181st day following release from incarceration.

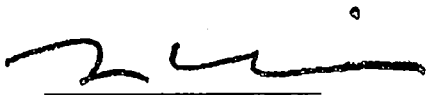
If the defendant requests a time to pay (via form DC 210) the staff shall carefully review their financial situation to determine if indeed a deferred payment is warranted. It is not this Courts intent to cause hardship on anyone but to collect the money due and owe to the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is our policy that a payment agreement be entered that is both beneficial to the defendant and the Commonwealth. A defendant can request to do Community service in lieu of payment. Any request to satisfy fines and costs by community must be submitted to the Judge for determination. (Virginia Code Section 129.2-354)

A defendant whose fines and costs have been referred to the collection process under Virginia Code, 19.2-349 shall be eligible for a subsequent payment agreement with the Court: however, this Court CANNOT stop the collection process. When the monies are received more than the amount due, they will be refunded to the defendant.

The defendant shall keep this Court informed of their address.

If the defendant's **SOLE** financial resource is a social security benefit or supplemental security income, then they are exempt from making payments. It is the responsibility of the defendant to contact the clerk's office to enter into a payment agreement if they have a different financial resource.

Seen and ordered:



Judge, Nancie Williams