

MEDIA ADVISORY

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FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK'S OFFICE Clerk Tyack's E-Pay Program Collects Over \$1 Million

The Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office has collected over \$1 million in credit card payments over the internet.

The convenience of paying traffic tickets and fines online has been available since late April. Since then, a total of \$1,008,923.49 has been collected, with an estimated merchant services fee savings of \$16,725.50. The average online transaction is \$165.89 with a convenience fee of \$3.50.

"This service has not only saved the City of Columbus money, but has saved our customers valuable time by allowing them to pay from anywhere in the world," said Clerk Lori M. Tyack. "When I took office in 2005, I promised the people of Franklin County that my office would improve efficiencies and save money and I am happy to say that this is another example of how we are working to fulfill this promise."

The convenience of paying traffic tickets and fines online not only provides a valuable service to the public but also saves taxpayers dollars. In addition, a Kiosk with direct access to the Clerk's website and the BMV to pay reinstatement fees will soon be placed strategically on the first floor of the Municipal Court Building. The Kiosks will provide a convenient online credit card payment option accessible 24/7 located in the courthouse at 375 S. High Street.

To determine if your case is payable online, search for the case on the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's <u>Online Records Search</u>. If the case is marked as payable, a "MAKE ONLINE PAYMENT" button will be available at the top of the page to complete payment.

Please review our other payment methods listed below:

Pay in Person: 1st Floor Traffic Violations Bureau 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Criminal/Traffic Division 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fax Payment Form: 614.645.0240

Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office Correspondence Division, 1st Floor 375 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215 Mail Payment: