

Alert! Parking Ticket Violation Scam Evolves/Continues

The Franklin County Municipal Court Judges and the Franklin County Municipal Clerk Lori Tyack are advising residents about an evolving scam

A new scam being sent via text message shows what appears to be a legitimate notice about an unpaid parking violation that must be paid or provides an alleged court date for when the person must appear.

This is fraudulent and was not issued by the Franklin County Municipal Court or the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk. It is another evolution of a previous scam that has been enhanced to look more legitimate.

The notice lists the name of a judge, who is not a Municipal Court Judge. It also includes a fake initial court appearance with the court's actual address.

Additionally, it includes a fake seal of Ohio and includes a QR code for people to pay immediately.

Neither the Court nor the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk sends text messages notifying people about fines. Official notifications are sent through the U.S. mail.

Please do not come to the courthouse for a court appearance unless you have a scheduled hearing.

Finally, please report this scam or any similar scam notices you receive in the future to your local law enforcement agency.

STATE OF OHIO
IN THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL COURT
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Case No. CM-2025-TR-00992 Judge: Anne Thompson

NOTICE OF HEARING — PARKING VIOLATION

You are hereby notified that you are alleged to have committed the following civil infraction within Columbus, Ohio:
Violation: Parking in a Prohibited Zone
Authority: Ohio Revised Code §4311.06

It is alleged that the registered owner or driver of a motor vehicle parked the vehicle in an area where parking is prohibited under Ohio law.

You must:

- Appear for a hearing on the date and time listed below; OR
- Pay the fine indicated on the citation prior to the hearing date.

HEARING LOCATION: Columbus Municipal Court, 375 S High St, Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 645-8180

HEARING DATE & TIME: April 6, 2026, 9:00 AM
Issued: April 03, 2026

Scan QR code to pay

FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN:

- Issuance of a default judgment;
- Assessment of additional fines and court costs;
- Referral to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for further enforcement action.


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