

**City of Port Lavaca  
Municipal Court**

**SCHEDULE OF SUGGESTED MINIMUM FINES**

**FOR SPEEDING OVER POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

1-5 mph over limit	\$183.00	15-19 mph over limit	\$263.00
6-9 mph over limit	\$203.00	20-25 mph over limit	\$283.00
10-14 mph over limit	\$223.00	26+ mph over limit	SEE JUDGE

**SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONE**

1-5 mph over limit	\$213.00	15-19 mph over limit	\$293.00
6-9 mph over limit	\$233.00	20-25 mph over limit	\$313.00
10-14 mph over limit	\$253.00	26+ mph over limit	SEE JUDGE
		Cell Phone Use in School Zone	\$283.00

**IF 25 MPH OR MORE OVER POSTED SPEED LIMIT, NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING.**

**TO APPLY FOR THE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE YOU MUST REQUEST THE COURSE BEFORE YOUR ANSWER DATE ON YOUR CITATION TO HAVE IT APPROVED BY THE COURT.**

**YOU MUST ALSO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**MOVING VIOLATIONS:**

Unrestrained child(ren) safety seat violation (1st offense)	\$162.00
Unrestrained child(ren) safety seat violation (2nd offense/subsequent)	\$383.00
Unrestrained child (ren) (child 8-15)	\$243.00
No seat belt passenger	\$193.00
Drove without being secured by safety belt	\$193.00
Fail to signal/wrong signal	\$203.00
Fail to yield right-of-way	\$203.00
Following too closely	\$203.00
Obstructing / Impeding traffic	\$203.00
Wide right/left turn	\$203.00
Unsafe passing	\$203.00
Unsafe turn	\$203.00
Failed to control speed/unsafe	\$203.00
Fail to drive in single lane	\$203.00
Disregard stop sign	\$203.00
Unsafe lane change	\$203.00
Driving wrong way on one way street	\$203.00
Disregard red light	\$203.00
Fail to yield to emergency vehicle	\$263.00
Overtaking/passing stopped school bus	\$353.00
Riding in open bed vehicle (under 18 yrs)	\$263.00
Fail to report accident	\$348.00
Handicap Parking	\$214.00

**NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS:**

Gambling	\$393.00
Theft up to \$99.99	\$343.00
Criminal Mischief (less than \$50)	\$213.00
Reckless Damage	\$213.00
Public Intoxication	\$343.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$253.00
Leaving child unattended	\$148.00
Family Violence Assault	\$343.00
Littering	\$303.00
Use of sidewalk/walk on wrong side of road	\$128.00
Failed to Identify	\$203.00
Failure to Appear	\$343.00
Curfew Violation	\$163.00
Curfew Violation - City Park	\$148.00
Disorderly Conduct by Fighting	\$343.00
Disorderly Conduct by Language	\$343.00
Disorderly Conduct by Loud Music/Noise	\$343.00
Assault by Threat	\$343.00
Assault by Contact	\$343.00
Aiding suicide	\$584.00
Open Container	\$153.00
Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage	SEE JUDGE
Minor in Possession of Tobacco	SEE JUDGE
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (1st offense)	\$343.00
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (2st offense/subsequent)	\$443.00
(NO LIABILITY INSURANCE)	

Charges will be dismissed upon presentation to the court, of proof that the vehicle was covered by a valid liability insurance policy at the time the citation was issued & provided said proof is presented to the court within ten days from the date the citation was issued.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE VIOLATIONS:**

*Fail to change address on license	\$203.00
Permit unlicensed driver to drive	\$203.00
*None, expired, fail to display	\$203.00
No valid driver's license (1st offense)	\$183.00
No valid driver's license (2st offense)	\$283.00

**CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS:**

Dog at Large 1st Offense	\$153.00
Dog at Large 2nd Offense	\$223.00
Animal over limit	\$213.00
Fail to register Animal	\$128.00
No Kennel License	\$248.00
Vicious Dog	\$353.00
Rv connect to utilities	\$293.00
Exhibition of Acceleration/Spinning Tires	\$223.00
Possession of open fireworks	\$153.00
Accumulations on property weeds, brush, and grass	\$293.00
Accumulations on property public nuisance (junk, trash, garbage)	\$293.00
Junk vehicle	\$288.00

**SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:**

Operate motor vehicle with wrong/fictitious/altered/ or obscured license plate	\$203.00
Unauthorized license plate light	\$183.00
Fail to dim lights	\$183.00
No protective head gear	\$190.00
Equipment violation	\$183.00
Illegal sunscreen	\$183.00

**Registration:**

Operate vehicle with expired license plate/registration	\$203.00
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Violations marked with an \* may be reduced to an Administrative fee, upon providing proof of compliance

**FOR ANY CHARGES OR FINES NOT LISTED, YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT AT (361) 552-9793 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.portlavaca.org](http://www.portlavaca.org)**

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