

## Failure to Appear Guidelines

Failure to Appear Court Calendars are held twice a day Monday- Friday. The first Court calendar begins at 8:00 a.m. You must sign up for this calendar **BEFORE 8:00 a.m.** The second Court calendar begins at 1:00 p.m. You must sign up for this calendar **BEFORE 12:30 p.m.** **We strongly recommend you arrive early because of limited capacity. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. every day.**

The FTA penalty for missing your original court date can range from \$0 to \$200 per the judge's discretion. However, the Judge also has discretion to waive the penalty, if documentation (i.e. proof of an illness, incarceration, death) **provided at your FTA court appearance is deemed valid.**

The court will provide your plea options of **guilty, nolo contendere** or **not guilty**. If you decide to plead NOT guilty, your case will be reset for arraignment before the judge who was originally assigned to your case. We strongly advise you consult legal counsel if you are unsure about how to proceed with your case.

If you have any open or unresolved cases with the Atlanta Municipal Court, those may also be added to the calendar along with your FTA cases.