

Citation Dismissal

Can the judge dismiss my ticket?

No. The Judge does not have the authority to dismiss tickets. Any authority to dismiss a ticket is given to the judge either by statute or pursuant to a standing plea agreement from the City Attorney and under strict guidelines.

Important Notice

All documents presented to the Municipal Court (including insurance and driver's licenses) are verified. Filing a fraudulent document with a court is a felony.

The following offenses are **not** dismissible:

- No Driver's License
- No Registration
- Improper Display of Registration
- No Inspection Sticker
- Improper Display of Inspection Sticker

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Dismissals allowed by statute are:

Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (Insurance)

(1) You must provide a copy of a valid insurance policy that was in effect on the date and at the time that you received your citation.

(2) In the alternative, you may present a certificate of self-insurance previously issued to the driver or to the vehicle owner that was valid at the time the offense is alleged to have occurred to have your citation dismissed.

Insurance will be verified by the clerk's office with the issuing insurance company.

Failure to Present Driver License

(1) You must present to the court a valid drivers license issued prior to the date and time of the citation.

Expired Driver License (Tex. Trans. Code 521.026)

(1) You must present the renewed license to the court within twenty (20) calendar days of

receiving the citation; and

(2) You must pay a \$20.00 administrative fee at the time of your request for dismissal (failure to pay the fee forfeits your right to a dismissal).

Expired Registration (Tex. Trans. Code 502.407)

(1) Within twenty (20) days of the citation, you must present the receipt of registration to the court; and

(2) You must pay a \$20.00 administrative fee at the time of your request for dismissal (failure to pay the fee forfeits your right to a dismissal).