

**GOLDEN MUNICIPAL COURT  
CITY OF GOLDEN, STATE OF COLORADO**

**FINE SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Golden Municipal Court, because of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended; the Municipal Court Rules of Procedure, set forth by the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado; and the Ordinances of the City of Golden, the Court does hereby adopt this Fine Schedule. This Schedule establishes fines that are payable by plea by mail and specifies those offenses which require a mandatory court appearance. This schedule covers traffic, criminal and parking violations. Court costs of \$30.00 shall be assessed on all cases.

**MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCES**

A defendant must appear in court if the defendant's case meets the following criteria. All other cases are eligible for early payment plea bargain at the discretion of the police officer. If aggravating circumstances exist, an officer may require a mandatory appearance for any charge, even those that would typically be eligible for an Early Payment Plea Bargain.

1. Any offense for which 6 or more points will be assessed against the driver's license;
2. Any traffic accident;
3. Exhibition of Speed or Speed Contests;
4. No Proof of Insurance;
5. All criminal code violations;
6. All juvenile defendants must appear in court with a parent or legal guardian.

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS**

- The maximum penalty for a traffic infraction is a \$500.00 fine.
- The fine shall be calculated by the original points charged.
- If a defendant was involved in an accident and appears in Court, the judge will impose a \$50.00 fine in addition to any other fine imposed. The judge may impose a higher fine if aggravating circumstances exist.
- The fine shall be doubled for Speeding in a School Zone, Speeding in a Construction Zone, Failure to Yield to a School Bus, and Failure to Yield the Right of Way to Pedestrian in School Zone.

Unless otherwise indicated, the fine schedule is based on the original points charged and are as follows:

Points	Fine
0	\$50.00 [Child Restraint \$75.00]
1	\$60.00
2	\$60.00
3	\$90.00
4	\$120.00
5	\$150.00
6	\$180.00

If the ticket has 7 or more points, the judge will determine the fine in the judge's discretion. In Court, the judge will review a defendant's driving history and assess a fine based on that history. This fine will be assessed at the judge's discretion. However, typically the judge will assess an additional \$25.00 fine for every prior offense in the past two years.

The judge's fine may be higher than that offered on the plea bargain on the ticket. This is because the plea bargain does not take into consideration a defendant's driving history. By appearing in Court, the Defendant has rejected the plea bargain and the offered fine set forth on the ticket.

## OTHER FINES

### COMPULSORY INSURANCE REQUIRED

The fines for Compulsory Insurance Required shall be assessed pursuant to Colorado Statute 42-4-1409 *Compulsory Insurance Penalty*. This statute provides for a first offense, the minimum fine shall be \$500.00. However, the Court may suspend up to one half of the fine upon a showing the defendant has obtained valid insurance. Upon a second or subsequent conviction within five years, the minimum fine is \$1000.00, but the Court may suspend one half of the fine upon a showing the defendant has obtained valid insurance.

### MUFFLERS

**MUFFLERS-Model Traffic Code 225-Prevention of Noise**-Pursuant to the Golden Municipal Code, a mandatory minimum fine of \$200.00 shall be assessed for a first offense, \$300.00 for a second offense and \$400.00 for every offense thereafter.

### AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES

**USE OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES PROHIBITED**-Golden Municipal Code 5.01.070(k)-Pursuant to Golden Municipal Code, a mandatory minimum fine of \$200.00 shall be assessed for a first offense, \$300.00 for a second offense and \$400.00 for every offense thereafter.

### EXCESS WEIGHT

The Court will follow the fine schedule as outlined in 1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified-penalties-penalty schedule for Excess Weight under the Model Traffic Code for such offenses not to exceed the maximum penalty of \$2650.00 as set forth below:

EXCESS WEIGHT-POUNDS	FINE
1-1,000	\$20.00
1,001-3,000	\$25.00
3,001-5,000	\$150.00
5,001-7,000	\$350.00
7,001-10,000	\$700.00
10,001-15,000	\$1,500.00
15,001-19,750	\$2,250.00
19,751 and Over	\$2650.00

### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Penalties for criminal code violations will be subject to the judge's discretion. However, the following charges may receive a ticket, plead guilty, and pay a fine pursuant to this schedule.

- **Consumption Regulated under 8.04.860 Criminal Code-Open Container**-For a first offense, a fine of \$125.00 may be imposed. A second or subsequent conviction in two years will require the defendant to appear in court. The maximum penalty for Consumption Regulated is a \$500.00 fine.
- **Dog at Large**- For a first offense, a fine of \$75.00 may be imposed. For a second or subsequent conviction within 2 years, the defendant must appear in court. The maximum penalty for Dog at Large is a \$500.00 fine.

- **Cat Reasonable Control Required**-For a first offense, a fine of \$75.00 may be imposed. For a second or subsequent conviction within 2 years, the defendant must appear in court. The maximum penalty for Cat Reasonable Control Required is a \$500.00 fine.
- All other animal charges not listed herein require a mandatory court appearance.

#### **BICYCLE VIOLATIONS**

All bicycle violations are payable except those involving an accident. All violations listed in Common Codes Title 42 and Related Laws 2017 under the subsection "*Bicycles*" are zero point violations.

Bicycle Violations:	\$50.00
Bicycle-Careless Violations:	\$120.00
Bicycle Speeding:	\$60.00
Bicycle Violations involving an accident	Mandatory Court

**The court incorporates herein the Administrative Fine and Fee Schedule attached hereto.**

#### **DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

Failure to appear on traffic infraction cases will result in a Default. The defendant shall have seven days from the entry of the Default Judgment to appear in Court and request the Default be vacated. Default costs may be imposed by Judge even if the Default is vacated.

***THIS IS A SUGGESTED FINE SCHEDULE. ALL FINES ARE ASSESSED AT THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION.***

This order shall supersede all prior Fine Schedules and amendments thereto and be effective for violations occurring on and after 8/29/2022.

ORDERED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

GOLDEN MUNICIPAL COURT

BY



F. Michael Goodbee  
Presiding Judge