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## Wayne County courts to cut traffic ticket fees in April

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This is no April Fools' Day joke.

If you owe money for overdue traffic tickets and other minor moving violations in Wayne County, a discount is coming your way.

From April 1 through April 30, metro Detroit courts are offering a reduction in fines and a waiver of late fees.

If you received a \$100 ticket in Detroit, for example, the court will take \$50 and send you on your way.

• **PDF:** [City-by-city details](#)

"This is the right time to do this because times are so hard," said 36th District Chief Judge Marilyn Atkins. "I get so many letters from people who say, 'I've lost my job, and I can't afford to pay this.' "

Atkins said her court held a similar moratorium in 2002 and took in about \$3 million.

Participating courts include 36th District in Detroit; 17th District in Redford Township; 18th District in Westland; 21st District in Garden City; 24th District in Allen Park; 28th District in Southgate; 29th District in Wayne; 31st District in Hamtramck; 32B District in Grosse Pointe Park, and 33rd District in Woodhaven.

The amnesty does not include parking tickets in most areas, though Grosse Pointe Park also is waiving late fees on parking violations.

In addition, 34th District Court in Romulus, which serves Belleville, Romulus and Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, is offering motorists the opportunity to pay parking and traffic tickets without late fees or other penalties.

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