

Distribution of Fines and Costs in District and Municipal Courts

Violation Type		Fine ¹	Cost ²
Statute	District Court: All Violations regardless of vehicle type	County Treasurer → Libraries	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → Court Funding Unit
	Municipal Court: Commercial Vehicle, MCSA, serious safety defect	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → Political Subdivision in Which Violation Occurred	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → Court Funding Unit
	Municipal Court: All other violations regardless of vehicle type	County Treasurer → Libraries	County Treasurer → Court Funding Unit
Ordinance	District and Municipal Court: Non-Commercial Vehicle	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → 1/3 Political Sub. Whose Ordinance was Violated 2/3 Court Funding Unit	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → 1/3 Political Sub. 2/3 Court Funding Unit
			Cost to Compel Appearance ³ → 100% Governmental Unit Incurring the Cost
	District and Municipal Court: Commercial Vehicle ³	County Treasurer → 30% Libraries 70% Political Sub. in Which Citation was Issued ⁴	Treasurer of Court Funding Unit → 1/3 Political Sub. 2/3 Court Funding Unit
			Cost to Compel Appearance ³ → 100% Governmental Unit Incurring the Cost

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¹See Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 8, Section 9. Also, MCL 600.8379, 600.8831, 257.909(1).

²See MCL 600.8379, 257.907, 600.8727(3), 600.8827(3). In District Courts the minimum state cost is distributed to the state pursuant to MCL 600.8381.

³See MCL 257.729.

⁴Applicable to all civil infraction violations written to commercial motor vehicles and commercial vehicles for offenses corresponding to Chapter 479 of the Motor Carrier Act (MCA) [MCL 479.1, et. seq.], the Motor Carrier Safety Act¹ (MCSA) [MCL 480.11, et. seq.], and chapters VI and VIII of the Michigan Vehicle Code, (MVC) [MCL 257.601-750, and 257.901-923], including corresponding sections of the MVC adopted by reference. See also MCL 600.8379(e), 257.909(1).