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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2018

TO: Judges
Court Administrators
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FROM: Bobbi Morrow, Management Analyst

RE: Recommended Range of Civil Fines and Costs for First-Time Civil Infractions

The following schedule of recommended ranges of civil fines and costs for first-time civil infractions is published and distributed by the state court administrator pursuant to MCL 257.907(8). These recommendations are “intended to act as a normative guide for judges and district court magistrates and as a basis for public evaluation of disparities in the imposition of civil fines and costs throughout the state.” Shaded fields indicate areas that are controlled in some way by statute – a minimum, maximum, or mandatory amount. Please refer to the notes on page 6 for specific information regarding those fields. Column contents are also explained on page 6.

Changes in the 2018 schedule include:

- The removal of reference to MCL 257.629 because it was repealed.
- The total amount for Exceed Speed Limit in Work Zone was corrected.
- The total amount for Fail to Stop at Through Street was corrected.
- The removal of reference to MCL 257.726 because it does not relate to Missing Vehicle Logos.
- The SOS offense code for Unauthorized Use of a Siren was amended to 2720.
- The total amount for Abandoned Vehicle was corrected.
- The footnote for Disregard Handicap Sign was amended.
- The section for Cost to Compel Appearance was removed.

- Citations to the Justice System Assessment for municipal and state civil infractions were added.
- Reference to MCL 257.252f was amended to MCL 257.252a.
- Reference to MCL 257.602b was amended to MCL 257.602b(6)(a).
- The footnote for Using a Cell Phone While Driving (Level 1 & 2) was amended from “mandatory” to “maximum.”

MCL 257.907(4) prohibits the assessment of costs unless a fine has been ordered, and prohibits the waiver of assessed fines unless the costs are also waived. “Costs imposed must reasonably relate to the costs of the prosecution of a civil infraction violation and cannot include the costs of the daily operation of the courts. . . .” *Saginaw Public Libraries v Judges of the 70th District Court*, 118 Mich App 379, 389 (1982). A range of costs has been recommended to allow for variable factors.

Each court is encouraged to prepare its own schedule of fines and costs that reflects all direct and indirect expenses of the plaintiff. Additional costs incurred by the plaintiff because of multiple appearances or accidents can be added to the scheduled amount. Costs shall not be ordered in excess of \$100, pursuant to MCL 257.907(4). Fifty-six days after any amount due and owing remains unpaid, courts must impose a late penalty equal to 20 percent of the outstanding amount, pursuant to MCL 600.4803.

Each court that establishes a schedule of fines and costs must prominently post it and make it readily available for public inspection, pursuant to MCL 257.907(7).

This schedule should be distributed to judges, court administrators, district court magistrates, and other appropriate parties. The current schedule is posted on our [Fines, Fees, Costs, and Rates](#) web page, or you can click [here](#) to go directly to the document.

If you have any questions concerning these recommendations, please contact Bobbi Morrow, Michele Muscat, or Andrew Smith at TrialCourtServices@courts.mi.gov.

2018

RECOMMENDED RANGE OF FINES AND COSTS FOR CIVIL INFRACTIONS
FOR FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS, RESPONSIBILITY ADMITTED, NON-ACCIDENT VIOLATIONS

CIVIL INFRACTION	MVC	UTC	SOS	FINE	COSTS	JSA	OTHER	TOTAL
SPEED VIOLATIONS:								
Exceed Posted Speed Limits	627, 628, 631	R412	2000	*	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$75 - \$93 + fine
Exceed Statewide Speed	628		2000	*	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$75 - \$93 + fine
				* For All Violations:				
				\$6-30	1-10 MPH			
				\$31-59	11-15 MPH			
				\$60+	16+ MPH			
Violation of Basic Speed Law - Too Fast	627		2300	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Violation of Basic Speed Law - Too Slow	627	R409a	2300	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Exceed Speed Limit in Mobile Home Park	627		2000	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Exceed Speed Limit in Work Zone	627(9)		2105	Double ¹	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$75 - \$93 + fine
SPEED ON LIMITED ACCESS FREEWAY:								
Violation of Freeway Speed Law, Below Minimum	628		2330	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Exceed Speed on Limited Access Freeway (Except Trucks Weighing 10,000 Lbs. or More)	629c		2100	**	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$75 - \$93 + fine
			**	\$10 ²	1-5 MPH			
				\$20 ²	6-10 MPH			
				\$30 ²	11-15 MPH			
				\$40 ²	16-25 MPH			
				\$50 ²	26+ MPH			
RIGHT OF WAY - (IMPROPER YIELDING):								
Fail to Yield at Intersection - Signed or Unsigned	649		2600	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Fail to Yield to Pedestrians	612	R702	2620	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Fail to Yield to Funeral Procession	654		2600	\$30	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$105 - \$123
Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	653		2610	\$47	\$47 - \$65	\$40		\$134 - \$152
Fail to Yield When Turning Left Within Intersection	650		2600	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
For an explanation of column headings and statutory citations, see page 6.								
Numbered notes are located on page 6.								

CIVIL INFRACTION	MVC	UTC	SOS	FINE	COSTS	JSA	OTHER	TOTAL
OVERTAKING:								
Following Too Closely or Truck Tailgating Truck	643, 643a		2800	\$24	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$99 - \$117
Improper Overtaking & Passing	636, 638		2430	\$24	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$99 - \$117
Improper Lane Use - Truck	634(3)		2850	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Improper Lane Use - Multiple Lane Highway	642(1), 634		2850	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Improper HOV Lane Use	642(2)		2845	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Driving Left of Center	634, 660		2850	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Disobeying "No Pass" Sign/Zone	640		2430	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Passing on Right	637		2430	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Improper Passing on Hill or Curve, Within 100 Feet of a Bridge, Viaduct, or Tunnel, or With Obstructed View	639		2430	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Fail to Give Way When Overtaken	636		2430	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Improper Passing Oncoming Vehicles	635		2430	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
TURNING AND SIGNALING:								
Improper Right Turn	647		2820	\$30	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$105 - \$123
Improper Left Turn	647		2820	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Improper Turn From Wrong Lane	647		2820	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Driving Across Median, Limited Access Highway	644		2520	\$30	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$105 - \$123
Fail to Sound Horn for Safe Operation	706			\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Fail to Signal or Improper Signal	648		2650	\$24	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$99 - \$117
STOP AND GO:								
Disregard Stop Sign	649, 671		2400	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Disregard Flashing Red or Yellow Signal	614		2440	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Disregard Yellow or Amber Signal	612		2440	\$24	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$99 - \$117
Disregard Stop and Go Light	612		2440	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Right Turn on Red Light Without Stopping	612		2440	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Avoid Traffic Control Device or Disregard Traffic Regulator	611, 611a	R304	2500	\$35	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$110 - \$128
Fail to Stop Leaving Private Drive, etc.	652	R437	2640	\$25	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$100 - \$118
Fail to Stop for School Bus	682		2410	\$177 ³	\$35 - \$71	\$40		\$252 - \$288
Fail to Stop at Through Street	671		2400	\$35	\$35 - \$71	\$40		\$110 - \$146
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CIVIL INFRACTION	MVC	UTC	SOS	FINE	COSTS			JSA	OTHER	TOTAL	
RAILROADS/STREETCARS & BUSES:											
Disregard Traffic Control Device at RR	667, 668		2452	\$30	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$105	- \$123
CMV Disregard Traffic Control Device at RR	49 CFR 392.10-11 ⁴		2452	\$182	\$59	-	\$100	\$10		\$251	- \$292
Disobey Enforcement Official at RR	667, 669a		2452	\$100	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$175	- \$193
CMV Disobey Enforcement Official at RR	49 CFR 392.10-11 ⁴		2452	\$182	\$59	-	\$100	\$10		\$251	- \$292
School Bus Fail to Stop at RR Crossing	1857		2452	\$100	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$175	- \$193
Fail to Obey RR Crossing Restrictions	667, 669		2451	\$100	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$175	- \$193
CMV Fail to Obey RR Crossing Restrictions	49 CFR 392.10 ⁴		2451	\$182	\$59	-	\$100	\$10		\$251	- \$292
WRONG SIDE OR WRONG WAY:											
Driving on Wrong Side - Undivided Highway	634		2850	\$41	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$116	- \$134
Driving on Wrong Side - Divided Highway	644		2520	\$47	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$122	- \$140
Driving Wrong Way - One Way Road	641	R424	2830	\$41	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$116	- \$134
Enter/Exit Freeway Improperly	645		2860	\$35	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$110	- \$128
BICYCLES, QUADRICYCLE, CYCLES, MOPEDS, LOW SPEED VEHICLES:											
Bicycle Violations	656, 659-662			\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Special Violations Which Apply	656, 660-661a		2920	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Driving Moped on Limited Access Highway	679a		2900	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Driving Moped or LSV on Sidewalk	660(6)		2900	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Quadricycle Violations	660, 662			\$125 ¹⁵	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$200	- \$218
Helmet/Seat/Foot Rest Violations	658, 658a		3400	\$24	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$99	- \$117
Unlawful Rider on Motorcycle	658		2910	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Moped/Motorcycle Operator Clinging to Vehicle	659		2870	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
FIRE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES:											
Following Fire Truck Too Closely	679		2730	\$30	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$105	- \$123
Driving Over Fire Hose	680		2730	\$30	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$105	- \$123
LICENSE/REGISTRATION:											
Violate Graduated License Permit	310e		3035	\$24	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$99	- \$117
Fail to Display Graduated License Status	310e		3005	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
No Proof of Registration	223		3500	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Proof provided to court valid on date of offense	223		3500	\$0 ^A	\$0 ^A			\$0 ^A		\$0	
Fail to Change Address: Registration & License	228, 315		3620	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Improper Placement-Plate	225		3500	\$18	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$93	- \$111
Registration/Plate Violation	255		3500	\$35	\$35	-	\$53	\$40		\$110	- \$128
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CIVIL INFRACTION	MVC	UTC	SOS	FINE	COSTS	JSA	OTHER	TOTAL
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE VIOLATIONS:								
Improper Load or Towing	718,720,721,724(4)(c)		3710	\$35	\$53 - \$71	\$40		\$128 - \$146
Vehicle Width, Height, Weight, and Related Restrictions	716 ⁵ , 717, 719, 719a, 722, 724(3) & (4),725		3720	\$35 ⁵	\$53 - \$71	\$40		\$128 - \$146
Missing Vehicle Logo or Emblem	723		3400	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS:								
Careless Driving	626b		1810	\$65	\$59 - \$100	\$40		\$164 - \$205
Coasting	678			\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Occupant <18 in Open Bed of Pickup Truck	682b		1815	\$47	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$122 - \$140
Device Causing Smoke or Flame	682a		3400	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Fail to Dim Headlights	700		2740	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Obstructed Vision	709		2870	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Unauthorized Use of Siren	706		2720	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Impede Traffic or Fail to Remove Vehicle From Roadway Following Accident	676b; 618a	R498	2670	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Safety Belt/Older Child (4-8) Restraint Law	710e		3290	\$6 ⁶	\$19 ⁶	\$40		\$65
Young Child (<4) Restraint Law	710d		3300	\$10 ⁷	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$85 - 103 ^B
Insurance, No Proof - Proof not provided to court	328		3100	\$30 ⁸	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$105 - \$123
Proof provided to court valid on date of offense	328		3100	\$0 ^C	\$0 ^C	\$0 ^C	\$25 ⁹	\$25
No Insurance	328		3106	\$50 ⁸	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$125 - \$143
Refusal of Preliminary Chemical Breath Test (non-CMV violation)	625a		1320, 1350	\$71	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$146 - \$164
Abandoned Vehicle, Fail to Redeem Before Sale	252a		3450	\$50 ¹⁰	\$59 - \$89	\$40		\$149 - \$179
Fail to Maintain Proof of Vehicle Sale	240		3455	\$15 ¹¹	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$90 - \$108
Texting While Driving	602b		3295	\$100 ¹²	\$59 - \$100	\$40		\$199 - \$240
Using Cell Phone While Driving (Level 1 & 2)	602c		3292	\$100 ¹³	\$59 - \$100	\$40		\$199 - \$240
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT:								
Violations of sections 257.683-257.714a of the Michigan Vehicle Code, unless otherwise noted within this schedule.	683		3400	\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Proof provided to court that repair was made	683		3400	\$0 ^D	\$0 ^D	\$0 ^D		\$0
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CIVIL INFRACTION	MVC	UTC	SOS	FINE	COSTS	JSA	OTHER	TOTAL
PEDESTRIAN VIOLATIONS:								
Walking in Roadway - Sidewalks Provided	655			\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Walking in Roadway With Traffic - No Sidewalks	655			\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Other Pedestrian Violations	613, 655	R702		\$18	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$93 - \$111
Pedestrian On Freeway	679a			\$24	\$35 - \$53	\$40		\$99 - \$117
PARKING VIOLATIONS:								
Disregard Handicap Sign	674(1)(s)		3810 ¹⁴	\$124 ¹⁷	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$154 - \$171
Improper Use of Handicap Permit	675(5)		3810 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
Unattended Car	676	R458	3800 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
Meter Violation		R821	3800 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
Within 15 Feet of Hydrant	674(1)(d)		3800 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
Disregard Metered Stall Lines		R822	3800 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
Miscellaneous Parking	672, 674, 674a, 675	R801, 820	3800 ¹⁴	\$18	\$30 - \$47	\$0		\$48 - \$65
LETTERED NOTES:								
WAIVER OF FINES & COSTS								
A	The court shall waive No proof of registration, when written under MCL 257.223 or substantially corresponding local ordinance. MCL 257.907(14)							
B	May waive child restraint, when written under MCL 257.710d or a substantially corresponding local ordinance. MCL 257.907(12)							
C	Shall waive No proof of insurance, when written under MCL 257.328 or substantially corresponding local ordinance. MCL 257.328(3) & MCL 257.907(15)							
D	Shall waive Defective equipment violations of MCL 257.683 - 257.714a or a substantially corresponding local ordinance, when written under § 683 or a substantially corresponding local ordinance. MCL 257.907(9)							
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EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS ON PAGES 1-5:	
	MVC. Michigan Vehicle Code MCL 257.1 - 257.923
	UTC. Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages; MCL 257.951. Section numbers are designated as "R#" [R = Rule] in conformance with the October 2002 revision of the UTC.
	SOS. Secretary of State Offense Code.
	FINE. Maximum fine allowed: \$100. MCL 257.907(2) \$250 if violation occurred in commercial motor vehicle. MCL 257.907(3)
	All fines double if violation occurs in work zone, school zone, school bus zone, or at an emergency scene. MCL 257.601b Costs and assessments do not double.
	Statute offenses: fine distributed to libraries. MCL 257.909
	Ordinance offenses: unless otherwise provided, 1/3 fine to the governmental unit whose ordinance was violated, and 2/3 fine to court funding unit. MCL 600.8379
	Fine shall not be waived unless costs also waived. MCL 257.907(4)
	If the civil infraction was a moving violation that resulted in an at-fault accident, fine shall be increased by \$25, but the total fine shall not exceed \$100. MCL 257.907(2)
	COSTS. Maximum cost allowed: \$100. MCL 257.907(4)
	Statute offenses: cost distributed to the general fund of the court funding unit. MCL 600.8379
	Ordinance offenses: unless otherwise provided, 1/3 cost to the governmental unit whose ordinance was violated, and 2/3 to the court funding unit, including costs collected under separate cash codes, such as capital improvement. MCL 600.8379
	Costs to compel appearance are not part of the maximum \$100, and are deposited to general fund of the unit of government incurring the costs. MCL 257.729
	Accidents: application of additional costs because of an accident cannot exceed the statutory maximums.
	JSA. Justice System Assessment: \$40. Mandatory on all traffic civil infractions except parking or when fine and cost total \$10 or less. MCL 257.907(13). \$10 JSA - municipal and state civil infractions. MCL 600.8727(4) and MCL 600.8827(4).
	OTHER. Other statutory assessments not included in columns 4, 5, or 6.
	TOTAL. Total recommended range of fines, costs and assessments. Maximum total for civil infraction violations in the MVC: \$200 for parking and \$240 for all other violations, unless exception allowed by statute.
NUMBERED NOTES FOR ALL PAGES:	
1	Fine double what otherwise prescribed for that moving violation. MCL 257.601b. Doubled fine may exceed \$100. Costs and other assessments not doubled.
2	Minimum fine required. MCL 257.629c.
3	Minimum fine \$100, maximum \$500. MCL 257.907(2).
4	Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 392.
5	For violation of MCL 257.716(4)(d) only: minimum fine \$250, maximum fine \$500, in addition to any fine imposed under MCL 257.724 or 257.725.
6	Total fine + court costs = \$25 + Judicial System Assessment. MCL 257.907(2).
7	Maximum fine \$10. MCL 257.907(2).
8	Maximum fine \$50. MCL 257.907(2).
9	Fee up to \$25 may be assessed only when driver provides proof of insurance, valid at time of offense, to the court by ticket due date. MCL 257.328(3).
10	Mandatory fine \$50. MCL 257.252a.
11	Mandatory fine \$15. MCL 257.240(3) and 257.907(2).
12	Mandatory fine \$100. MCL 257.602b(6)(a) and 257.907(2).
13	Maximum fine \$100. MCL 257.602c and 257.907(2).
14	Valid for failure to clear parking violation suspension only: Two or more unpaid handicap parking tickets, or three or more unpaid other parking tickets. MCL 257.321a(7).
15	Maximum fine \$500. MCL 257.907(16).
16	The default fee is for failure to appear/respond at adjudication on the civil infraction and should only be assessed one time.
17	Minimum fine \$100/maximum fine \$250. MCL 257.907(2)