

## **Driver's License Reinstatement Event October 12, 2019 – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Who is eligible to participate in this event?**

Customers whose delinquent debt has been referred to a collection agency.

### **2. Why is the Clerk's Office holding this event?**

Section 322.75, Florida Statutes, effective October 1, 2019, requires the Clerks of Court to hold an annual Driver's License Reinstatement Day. While the October 12, 2019, event will not include the elements outlined in Section 322.75, F.S., it is an event preliminary to the annual recurring statutory event. The Clerk's Office opted to hold the October 2019 event with limited parameters to enable analyzation of data and results relative to this event to assist in the development of the annual recurring statutory event.

### **3. What benefits will the customer realize from participating in this event?**

The customer will receive a financial savings. The 25% contingency fee charged by the collection agencies utilized by the Clerk's Office will be waived.

### **4. If I have an outstanding Violation of Probation (VOP) charge, may I participate?**

Yes, you may pay your outstanding debt at this event and save the 25% collection agency fee. However, you must separately address your outstanding VOP charge with the court. If the VOP charge is relative to a criminal traffic violation, the Clerk's Office will be unable to issue a driver's license clearance until the VOP charge is addressed by the Court.

### **5. If I have a Failure to Appear (FTA) charge, may I participate?**

Yes, you may pay your outstanding debt at this event and save the 25% collection agency fee. However, you must separately address your outstanding FTA charge with the court. If the FTA charge is relative to a criminal traffic violation, the Clerk's Office will be unable to issue a driver's license clearance until the FTA charge is addressed by the Court.

### **6. Is there a limit to the number of cases I can pay at this event?**

No.

### **7. What effect does payment of multiple civil traffic infractions have on my driver's license?**

When a civil traffic infraction is paid, a disposition is sent to the State of Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) Department. At that point in time, any points associated with the citation will be added to your driver's license. The FLHSMV suspends driver's licenses for accumulation of points as outlined in Section 322.27, Florida Statutes. Points are assessed

according to the violation/offense date. The point suspension accumulation and suspension periods are:

- 12 points within 12 months: 30-day suspension
- 18 point within 18 months: 3-month suspension
- 24 points within 36 months: 1-year suspension

**8. Will the Clerk's Office accept any type credit card for payment at this event?**

Yes; however, the card holder must be present with picture identification. The Clerk's Office uses a vendor to process credit cards. The vendor charges a fee between 2 – 3% on the total amount charged.

**9. What other forms of payment will be accepted at this event?**

Cash, money order, cashier's check, or personal check. If paying with a personal check, the account holder must be present with picture identification.

**10. Is the Clerk's Office able to reinstate my driver's license at this event?**

The Clerk's Office is able to reinstate certain Brevard County civil traffic and criminal traffic suspensions. If your license is affected by only these types of suspensions, the Clerk's Office may be able to reinstate your driver's license for an additional \$60.00 reinstatement fee. If your license is suspended for outstanding Brevard County criminal financial obligations, the Clerk's Office will issue you Affidavits to Reinstate, which must be presented to the Tax Collector's Office (driver's license bureau) for reinstatement. If you have other obligations on your license, including but not limited to out of county suspensions, child support suspensions, or department level suspensions/revocations, the Clerk's Office cannot reinstate your license.

**11. Am I eligible to elect to attend the 4-hour defensive driving course to have points withheld for the citation?**

No. Cases referred to a collection agency are not eligible for a defensive driving school election.

**12. If my citation was issued for failure to carry a driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance, or proof of vehicle registration, may I show proof that was eligible when the violation occurred for a dismissal on the citation?**

To obtain a dismissal on the citation, you must show proof that your driver's license/vehicle insurance/vehicle registration was in effect when you received the citation. You should review your records prior to the event to make this determination and obtain the required proof. Proof must be presented by you to the Clerk's Office; the Clerk's Office cannot review online records to make this determination for you. The dismissal fee is \$10.00 and a \$16.00 late fee will be due.

**13. If my citation was issued for a violation of 316.610 (c) or 316.2935, Florida Statutes, improper or unsafe equipment, may I show proof the violation was corrected for a reduced penalty?**

Proof must be in the form of either an equipment affidavit, or certification, signed by a law enforcement officer certifying the equipment violation for the specific citation was corrected within 30 days of the violation; or a receipt from an automotive store showing the equipment was purchased within 30 days of the violation date. In both scenario, if sufficient proof is provided, the violation will be reduced to \$10.00 and a \$16.00 late fee will be due.

**14. May I make a partial payment and, if I do, will my debt be recalled from the collection agency?**

Partial payments will not be accepted at this event. Payment must be made in full for the debt to be recalled from the collection agency. If you are only able to make a partial payment, please contact the assigned collection agency to discuss payment plan options.