

Morristown Municipal Court

Notice to Defendants:

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, our regular court sessions have been suspended until a later date. However, in an effort to resolve your case without coming to court, we have implemented several options outlined below for your consideration.

Notification of Rights:

If you attended court in person, the Judge would advise you of your rights as a defendant in the municipal courts. Fortunately, these rights are available online and you are encouraged to take a few minutes to view the video before choosing an option below. Here is the web link to YouTube videos of the statement of rights in multiple languages and American Sign Language:

<https://njcourts.gov/courts/mcs.html>

Plea by Mail (Attached Form)

With a few exceptions, many cases can be resolved with a plea by mail. If you plead guilty by mail, the Judge will review your plea by mail form and impose the sentence (fine and costs) required by the statute. No court appearance will be necessary. If you plead not guilty on the plea by mail form, the Judge will conduct a hearing based upon the information you provide on the form, and with testimony offered by the state's witness, usually a police officer. The Judge will render a decision and you will be advised of the outcome. If you wish to submit a plea by mail, please complete and sign the attached form, and return it to the court as soon as possible.

Plea Bargain with Prosecutor:

If you would like to review your case with the Municipal Prosecutor to determine if the Prosecutor would offer you a plea agreement to a lesser charge or that would result in lesser fines and/or points, please return this form with the following information so that the Prosecutor may contact you to discuss a plea agreement.

Your Name: _____

Ticket/Complaint #: _____

Telephone Number: _____

eMail Address: _____

At present, the court is not aware if are represented by an attorney. If you are represented by an attorney, please provide your counsel with this notice. If you are indigent, and wish to be represented but cannot afford an attorney, please call the court and request a public defender application form and one will be sent to you. Once it is returned to the court, the Judge will review the information and you will be advised if you qualify for the Public Defender.

If you choose not to return the plea by mail form, and do not wish to be represented by an attorney, and wish to plead not guilty, please notify the court and a trial will be scheduled on a date to be determined and you will be notified of said date.