



# DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE

## **WHO MAY MAKE AN ELECTION TO ATTEND DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL?**

Any person charged with a moving traffic violation, other than violations involving driver licenses, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, or any violation requiring mandatory court appearance and who has not attended a driver improvement course in a twelve (12) month period is eligible to elect to attend a driver improvement course. You cannot choose the school option if you have a Commercial Drivers License.

## **WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF MAKING AN ELECTION?**

An election to attend a driver improvement course to satisfy the violation will be entered on your driver history records as an "adjudication withheld". No points will be assessed against your driver's license should you elect to and attend a driver improvement course.

## **DO I HAVE TO PAY TO ELECT A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE?**

Yes. You must make your election and pay the associated fines and costs to attend a driver improvement course in the county in which your ticket was issued. There is also a cost for the driving course. You should contact the Traffic Department in the County in which you received your citation for the current penalty.

## **HOW CAN I ELECT TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE?**

You may come into the Clerk's Office to make your election, or if the officer provided you with a school election affidavit, you may make your election to attend a driver improvement course by mail. You can also pay and make the school election online at [www.myfloridacounty.com](http://www.myfloridacounty.com)

Read the Driver Improvement School Information listed on the Election Affidavit. Complete the affidavit (signed and dated) and submit the original affidavit to the clerk's office within 30 calendar days of the ticket date. Allow sufficient time to ensure your Election Affidavit is received in the Clerk's Office within the 30 days.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### **CLERK'S OFFICE SERVING YOU**

Traffic..... 671-5599

Misdemeanor ..... 671-5544

DHSMV ..... (352) 368-8200

After you have completed and mailed your elections to the Clerk, contact a driver improvement school to arrange a schedule for the approved course. You must enroll, attend, and complete the course approved by the Department of Highway Safety within 60 calendar days from the date you elected to attend (the date you signed the affidavit). Look in the yellow pages of the phone book to find a local school or a web address to take the course on line at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).

## **DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE AFTER I ATTEND THE COURSE?**

Yes. You must present proof of compliance to the Clerk's Office, within the sixty (60) calendar days of your election (the date you signed the affidavit).

## **CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I ELECT TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE?**

Yes. If you fail or choose not to meet any one of the requirements for any reason, a processing fee must be paid prior to the end of the allotted 60 days. After 60 days, your driver's license will be suspended and a late fee will be assessed. A conviction of the violation will be reported on your driver history record.

## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSES?**

You can refer to the yellow pages of your local telephone directory under "Driving Instruction/Traffic School" for names and locations.

## **ONCE I PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY FOR A TICKET, CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AND ELECT TO ATTEND DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL?**

No. You must notify this office that you want to attend the Driver Improvement School at the time you pay your ticket. Once you have paid your civil penalty for your ticket, the disposition is reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

## **CAN I GET AN EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL?**

No. You have sixty (60) days from the date you made the election to attend Driver Improvement School.