

DEFERRED TRAFFIC PROSECUTION AND TRAFFIC PLEAS IN ABEYANCE (TRAFFIC SCHOOL)

If you were cited for a traffic violation, you may qualify for “deferred traffic prosecution” through the 2nd District Court or you may qualify for a plea in abeyance through the Bountiful City Prosecutor’s Office. Here are the steps you should take to determine your qualifications for either program.

1. **Contact the 2nd District Court in Bountiful to determine if you qualify for deferred prosecution, please visit <https://www.utcourts.gov/deferredtraffic/>**

To qualify for deferred prosecution of your traffic ticket you must:

- have a clean driving record for the 24 months prior to your citation;
- be over the age of 21;
- have a Utah driver license;
- have a non-CDL license;
- be charged with a moving violation that is an infraction;
- be charged with only one moving violation;
- not have received the ticket in connection with a traffic accident; and
- not have been speeding 20 mph over the speed limit or speeding at 100 mph or more.

If you qualify for deferred prosecution of your traffic ticket, you must:

- enter a no contest plea to the charge on the ticket;
- pay the ticket;
- pay an administrative fee to the courts (\$5.00); and
- have no further violations of the law for the next 12 months.

If you do all these things, your ticket will be dismissed at the end of 12 months. No report of the ticket will be made to the Driver License Division (DLD); thus, no points will be added to your driving record. For further information regarding the DLD point system, please visit: <https://dld.utah.gov/utah-point-system/>

If you have any questions about deferred traffic prosecution, you may contact the Bountiful Second District Court at 801-397-7000 or 2ndwilliamsteam@utcourts.gov.

2. If you do not qualify for “deferred traffic prosecution,” you may contact the Bountiful City Prosecutor’s Office to see if you qualify for a plea in abeyance (traffic school), 801-298-6145 or hgrover@bountiful.gov.

To qualify for a plea in abeyance through the prosecutor’s office you must:

- have a clean driving record for the 24 months prior to your citation;
- not be cited for (1) speeding in a school zone, (2) driving on a suspended or revoked license, or (3) operating a vehicle without insurance.

If you qualify for a plea in abeyance, you must:

- sign a plea in abeyance agreement in which you plead guilty or no contest to charge on your citation;
- pay a plea in abeyance fee, which is the amount of the ticket;
- attend traffic school* within 90 days of entering into the plea in abeyance agreement; and
- not have any violations of the law, including additional traffic violations for the next 12 months.

If you do these three things, your ticket will be dismissed at the end of 12 months. No report of the ticket will be made to the Driver License Division (DLD); thus, no points will be added to your driving record. For further information regarding the DLD point system, please visit: <https://dld.utah.gov/utah-point-system/>

**Traffic School costs \$50.00. It is held on the third Thursday of each month at the Bountiful City Police Department, 805 S. Main St., Bountiful, Utah. It starts at 7 p.m. and finishes at 9 p.m. It is a one-time class. You must sign up and pay for Traffic School by visiting the Bountiful City Police Department Records Department, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The police department is unable to accept payment over the phone.*

Online traffic school is offered at the discretion of the prosecutor for special circumstances. It also costs \$50.00.