

JUVENILES & MINORS

Juveniles (under 17 years of age) and their parent(s) have an obligation to provide the Court with their current address of residence in writing. On or before the seventh (7th) day after the date on which juveniles or their parent(s) change residence, the juvenile or his/her parent SHALL notify the court of their current address by Certified U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested. A violation of this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor and may result in arrest. The obligation to provide notice ends upon final disposition of charges filed from juvenile's citation, and not when the juvenile becomes 17 years old.

DEFINITION

Juveniles are defined as persons 16 years of age or younger.

Minors are defined as persons 21 years of age and younger on alcohol related offenses and under 18 years of age on tobacco related offenses.

APPEARANCE

State law requires and appearance before the judge. The parent or legal guardian must accompany the juvenile or minor.

The court will automatically mail a summons to the parent or legal guardian of the date, time and location to appear. That notice will be mailed to the address listed on the citation that was issued to the juvenile or minor.

Juveniles who fail to appear or fail to pay their fine will be reported to the Department of Public Safety who will suspend their driver's license. If they do not have a driver's license, they will not be able to obtain one until they appear in court.

Please contact the court if you have any questions at 972-223-2107 x256/268.