

MESSAGE FROM BLACK JACK COURT

- You have been summoned to come to court on the date shown on your ticket.
- You may plead not guilty by coming to court and a trial date will be set.
- You may plead guilty by mail or by coming to the Black Jack Court to pay your fine.
- If you plead guilty, you will be given a new date to pay if you can't pay the day of court.
- If you want to plead guilty, but you don't have the funds to pay your ticket, you still must come to court. You will not be arrested for not having money to pay.
- If you are indigent, you may be required to complete documentation to be determined by the court as evidence of your financial status and as an aid to the court in assessing fines, costs and setting of a payment plan.
- If you do not come to court when summoned to do so, you are subject to a warrant being issued for your arrest.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- The Judge has the power to fine you up to \$1,000.00 or impose a jail sentence up to ninety (90) days or both.
- You have the right to be represented by an attorney, and if you need a continuance to get an attorney, please tell the judge before you make your plea.
- The Judge will appoint an attorney for you if you can show that you cannot afford one and it appears to the judge that there would likely be a jail sentence upon conviction.
- You have the right to plead not guilty or to persist that plea if it has already been made and you have the right to certify your case(s) to Saint Louis County for a jury trial if requested within ten (10) days of your plea.
- You have the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against you, and the right not to incriminate yourself.

IF YOU PLEAD GUILTY:

- You will be sentenced this evening.
- The court will allow you time to pay your fine. If you are given an extension to pay your fine, you will receive a slip explaining payment at the front window. **READ THE SLIP CAREFULLY.** Make sure you appear on the court date noted on the slip if you have not paid your court fine as instructed. **FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT BEING ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.**

IF YOU PLEAD NOT GUILTY:

- Your trial will be set.
- Failure to appear for your trial may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest.
- Continuance to secure an attorney will NOT be granted at the time of trial. If you wish to be represented by an attorney, you must retain an attorney prior to your trial date.
- You have the right to subpoena witnesses. Witness subpoenas are available from the court clerk.

PLEASE LET THE JUDGE KNOW IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THE ABOVE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED.