

Juveniles

Juveniles - under the age of 17 at the time of the violation are **REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE IN OPEN COURT WITH A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**. It is your responsibility to provide the Court with a correct mailing address.

Juveniles are required to appear in person in Court for all proceedings in their case. The parent of a juvenile charged in Whitesboro Municipal Court is required to be present in Court with their child.

Juveniles who fail to appear in Court may have an additional charge of failure to appear filed against them. Juveniles who fail to appear or who 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.

Parents who refuse to come to Court may be subject to contempt of court. If you are unable to pay the fine and cost for any reason you should come to court to explain those reasons to the Judge.

Notice of Obligation for Child/ Parent

A child and parent required to appear before the Court have an obligation to provide the Court in writing with the current address and residence of the child. The obligation does not end when the child reaches age 17. Within one week of changing residence, the child or parent shall notify the Court of the new address. A violation of this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor and may result in arrest. The obligation to provide notice terminates on discharge and satisfaction of the judgment or final disposition not requiring a finding of guilt.