

Each person who is present and summoned to appear before this Court as a defendant on affidavit or complaint has the following rights:

1. The right as a defendant to be represented by counsel.
2. The right as a defendant to a continuance, if necessary, to obtain the services of counsel.
3. The right as a defendant to a continuance, if necessary, to obtain the appearances of witnesses to testify for and on your behalf and to have them subpoenaed if necessary.
4. The right as a defendant to enter a plea of “Guilty”; a plea of “Not Guilty”; or a plea of “No Contest.”
 - a. If a plea of “Guilty” is entered, the Magistrate will make inquiry of the facts and determine the penalty.
 - b. If a plea of “Not Guilty” is entered, the case will be continued to the next session at which time all witnesses will be sworn and testimony will be heard, after which the Magistrate will render a decision.
 - c. If a plea of “No Contest” is entered, that plea will not be construed as an admission of any fact at issue in the charge in any subsequent actions or proceedings, whether civil or criminal. In the event of such a plea, the Magistrate will inquire into the facts and make a finding of guilty or not guilty.

- d. If you are in doubt as to whether you are or are not guilty, the Court requests that you enter a plea of “Not Guilty.”
5. The right as a defendant to demand a trial by a jury in all cases involving a fine of more than \$1000.00 or a jail sentence.
 - a. If a trial by a jury is demanded, the case must be transferred to the Hamilton County Court.
 - b. If a trial by jury is not demanded, a written waiver must be signed to permit the Magistrate to hear and decide the case.
6. The right as a defendant to testify or not to testify in your own defense.
7. The right as a defendant to appeal, as prescribed by Ohio Statute.

**The policy of the Lockland
Mayor’s Court is that we do not
grant stays to pay for fines and
court costs.**

HONORABLE JIM BROWN
Mayor



HONORABLE ANTHONY GERTZ
Magistrate

GERALD GRUBBS
Village Prosecutor

TIMOTHY BURKE
Village Solicitor

COL. JAMES TOLES
Chief of Police

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MAYOR'S COURT
Village of Lockland, Ohio