

Detials

Community Service will be a part of your PTDP requirements. This will be completed with the City of Troy unless specifically stated otherwise. The participant will play a part in keeping our city beautiful. There is not a fee for community service.

Each participant in the PTDP will be mandated to complete and pay for Alabama's Court Referral Officer Program. The Court Referral Officer Program is a unique program administered by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts which allows for the defendant to obtain critical lifelong lessons about the harmful effects of substance abuse. The Court Referral Officer will also monitoring the defendant for compliance.

The defendant will be held accountable for all required responsibilities of the PTDP as the Troy Municipal Court will not monitor the progress of the requirements through mandated appointments or mailers. As a task or class is completed the defendant must present completion certificates to our office in person, via email, or fax.

The defendant is also expected to pay all fees due in conjunction with the PTDP in a timely manner. These fees can be paid at our window in cash or money order, credit card over the phone or email, or money order through snail mail. Absolutely NO Personal Checks.



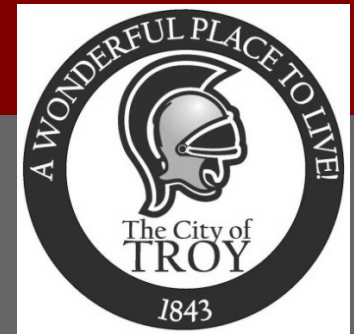
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Pre-Trial Diversion Program



What is Pre-Trial Diversion?

Pre-Trial Diversion (PTDP) is a program that gives defendants a second chance at a clean record. The PTDP allows someone who made a simple mistake in judgment to learn about their mistake and to become better citizens in the future. The PTDP allows the court to divert the ruling on a case to a later date which gives the defendant the opportunity to complete several tasks and classes that will teach lifelong lessons and skills. Upon completion of these tasks and classes, the court will Nolle Prosses (selection by the city not to prosecute) the case. Once the case is Nolle Prossed at the municipal level the defendant can then take advantage of the newly created expungement law created by the legislature in the spring of 2014 at the Circuit Court level and have the case totally expunged. The PTDP is truly a way or opportunity for a person to get a second chance at a totally clean record, even the arrest is hidden. PTDP also allows the defendant to be granted Youthful Offender so that even the Nolle Prosses paperwork can be sealed at the municipal level. Only law enforcement and federal service agencies have access to Youthful Offender records.

What are my options?

Pleading Guilty or being Found Guilty

Our judge has been very consistent with his rulings through the years. The normal ruling for a Minor In Consumption or Minor in Possession of Alcohol, which could vary depending on circumstances, is a nominal fine + court costs, completion of the Court Referral Program, one year of unsupervised probation, a few days of suspended jail time, and a code mandated driver's license suspension for 3 months (the minimum). After paying for Court Referral, paying all court fines and fees, applying to the Department of Public Safety and paying for the reinstatement of the defendant's driver's license he/she should expect expenditures (not including any citations they may receive for driving during the suspended period and paying for rides) in the range of \$1100 to \$1200. This route leads to a permanent criminal record which stays with you for the duration of your life (unless YO).

Pleading Pre-Trial Diversion (PTDP)

Upon applying for our PTDP your case will be continued to allow the court the opportunity to make sure your criminal record is suitable for the program. A \$50 application fee is due at that time. Once you are accepted to the PTDP a program fee, court costs, and District Attorney's fee are due to the court. You will then be explained the requirements of the program and start all tasks and classes. The expected expenditures with the PTDP will range from \$1300 to \$1400. Yes, you read that correctly! The program costs are very comparable to the alternative route. Also, with the PTDP the defendant gets to keep their driver's license and doesn't have to go through the pain of staking experience of reinstatement with the Department of Public Safety. The defendant also misses the suspended jail time, one year of probation, and the biggest advantage to the PTDP is that upon completion of the program the case is dismissed or Nolle Prossed and there is no criminal record of the disposition.

...Options Continued

More Benefits Explained

Most people do not understand what comes with merely having a criminal record. It can effect employment opportunities, in some cases voting rights, the ability to serve in our military, and obtaining higher educational degrees. There is also a misconception among the public that criminal charges drop off their record after several years. This is just not true. A criminal offense, once convicted, stays on your personal criminal record for the duration of your life.

In the spring of 2014 a new law was passed that allowed cases that had been dismissed, found not guilty, or nolle prossed to be totally expunged from your record. If you enter our PTDP and successfully complete you would be eligible to have your case entirely expunged under this new legislation. If you select the alternate route (plead guilty or be found guilty) unfortunately this is not an option.

Attorney

We welcome each bar certified attorney in our court but it is not necessary to be represented by an attorney to plead PTDP. Merely note on your application that you waive your right to be represented by an attorney.

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