



Surprise City Court

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FARE FAQ's

What is it?

FARE- Fines/Fees and Restitution Enforcement Program – is a statewide initiative of the Arizona Judicial branch. The program was developed in 2003 to assist Arizona courts with the compliance of monetary court orders. Courts are given the ability to assign outstanding debt associated to civil traffic, criminal traffic and criminal violations. The program is a public/private partnership between the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the Motor Vehicle Division, Arizona Department of Revenue and a private vendor to provide enhanced collection services to Arizona Courts. The enhanced services include, but are not limited to, non-renewal of Arizona vehicle registration for persons who owe Arizona courts traffic fines/fees and/or restitution through the Traffic Ticket Enforcement Assistance Program (TTEAP), credit bureau reporting, and professional collection agency services which include letters and telephone calls.

What is the legal authority for the FARE program?

Arizona Revised Statutes §28-1631 through §28-1636, adopted in 1993, established TTEAP and authorized the Arizona Supreme Court to establish the rules and procedures necessary to administer the program. The Arizona Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 2003-126 in December 2003, which established the Fines/Fees and Restitution Program “FARE”. This order defines the program and fee schedule.

Will FARE add any fees?

Yes. There will be a \$35 FARE delinquency fee and 19% collection costs which will be added to each case referred to FARE for collection.

What are my payment options if my case is in FARE?

You may pay via the Web, IVR, by Mail, or In Person. If you are going to pay via the Web, the FARE website can be accessed at www.azcourtspay.com. If you are going to be paying via the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system, call **866-859-2527**. **You MUST have your collection notice number available.** You can only pay one case at a time using a debit/credit card with a VISA or MasterCard logo.

How does Traffic Ticket Enforcement Assistance Program (TTEAP) work?

A defendant is eligible for a TTEAP registration hold if the defendant owes Arizona courts traffic fines/fees/restitution. The MVD will determine if the defendant is listed as the owner of any vehicle registered in Arizona. A registration hold will be placed on all vehicles, ATV's, boats, and trailers where the defendant is listed as a registered owner. When the MVD places a TTEAP registration renewal hold on a vehicle, a TTEAP notice will be sent to each of the registered owners. If the defendant has not satisfied the balance due when it is time for the registration to be renewed, the MVD will resend the TTEAP notice to each of the registered owners along with the annual renewal notice. A TTEAP hold will be released when all fines/fees/restitution are satisfied in all the jurisdictions which contributed to the registration hold.

How do I find out which cases are causing a TTEAP hold?

The MVD will not know which court(s) are contributing to the TTEAP registration hold. The cases and courts in the State of Arizona which are causing the TTEAP hold can be found on the website of the Arizona Supreme Court – *Public Access to Court Information* at <http://www.azcourts.gov>, follow the link for *Case Search*. After accessing the *Public Access to Court Information* page, in the person name search section, be sure to select the box titled “Limit Search to Cases with Vehicle Registration Hold” to view only the cases which are contributing to the TTEAP hold.