

Warrant Roundup FAQs

Q. What is the purpose of the Warrant Roundup?

A. To “round up” individuals that have disregarded or failed to resolve their traffic citations, code enforcement violations and misdemeanor warrants, and to bring into compliance individuals who have failed to comply with court orders.

Q. Why is the Warrant Roundup done now?

A. The Roundup takes place in cooperation with other jurisdictions in the Coastal Bend. This unified effort helps create public awareness of the Roundup on a broader scale. Additionally, tax refund season offers a better opportunity for defendants to pay their fines.

Q. Why is the Amnesty Period only one week this year?

A. In previous years, the Amnesty Period was two weeks long. However, Municipal Court discovered most people wishing to resolve their warrants waited until the final week. Therefore, the period was cut down to one week.

Q. How many warrants are outstanding?

A. Because warrants are continuously issued and cleared, the number is constantly changing. Also, some defendants have multiple warrants. From 2014 to current, there are about 48,000 active warrants.

Q. How can I find out if I have warrants?

A. Visit www.municipalonlinepayments.com/corpuschristitx, email MCmail@cctexas.com or call (361) 826-2500.

Q. What are my options if I find out I have warrants?

A. Depending on the type of warrant issued, you may pay the fine and court costs, request to have your case(s) reset for a new court date, you may also seek legal advice from an attorney, or you may come in and speak with a Judge about a payment plan or performing community service if you qualify.

Q. If I come to court to pay, will I be arrested?

A. No, Municipal Court is a “safe harbor” and defendants are encouraged to come to the Court voluntarily to resolve cases before the Warrant Roundup.

Q. If I want to clear my citation, what are my payment options?

A. Payments can be paid in full online at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/corpuschristitx, or by standard mail to P.O. Box 23077, Corpus Christi, TX, 78476-2235. They can also be made in-person at Municipal Court, 120 North Chaparral Street or placed in the drop box in front of the Municipal Court building.

Q. How much will my fine cost?

A. The amount of the fine is determined by a judge based on the facts and circumstances of the case. The maximum for most traffic violations is \$200. State Penal Code violations and city ordinance violations are \$500 each, while other city ordinance violations carry fines between \$1,000 and \$4,000. This does not include costs paid to the state which vary by type of violation.

Q. What happens if I fail to resolve my case?

A. The Court may initiate the following actions:

- Refer your case to a collection agency which adds 30% to the total owed.
- Send notification to the Department of Public Safety which will result in a denial of renewal of your driver’s license which adds a \$30.00 fee.
- A warrant will be issued for your arrest which adds a \$50.00 fee.
- If the case is in warrant, you may be detained and brought before a judge and/or transported to the City Jail.