

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

TO INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH A NONCRIMINAL TOBACCO VIOLATION NOT REQUIRING A COURT APPEARANCE

You are charged with Florida Statute marked above which is a noncriminal violation. You are required to comply with one of the following options with the Clerk of Court, Manatee County, Florida, WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS. If you fail to comply within the specified period, the court shall impose an appropriate penalty which may include directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend your driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.

OPTIONS:

1. Pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$25.00 by mail or in person to the Clerk of Court. Payment must be received by the Clerk within THIRTY (30) days of the citation issue date.
2. To contest the issuance of the citation, you may elect a court hearing by contacting the Clerk of Court at the below address. If you request a hearing and the Court determines that you have committed the offense, it shall impose an appropriate penalty not to exceed \$25.00, or require completion of 16 hours of community service, or both.
3. Elect to attend and complete 16 hours of community service by contacting the Clerk of Court and requesting a hearing before the Judge.
4. Elect to attend a school approved anti-tobacco program, if locally available.

NOTE: This option is not available in Manatee County at this time.

Contact the Clerk in Manatee County

By Mail: P. O. Box 25400
Bradenton, FL 34206

In Person: 1115 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

By Phone: (941)749-1800