

ORDINANCE NO: 21-001

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF COOSADA

The Municipal Court of Coosada, Alabama will be exercising the Deferred Sentencing Program.

It has been courts observation that many defendants have elected to resolve their case pending before the Court through the Deferred Sentencing Program. Courts have also learned that many defendants who are not from the local area of the court have appeared in court on traffic tickets, which do not require a mandatory court appearance, in order to resolve their traffic ticket through the Deferred Sentencing Program as opposed to sending the fine and court cost to the Court Clerk by mail, which results in a conviction.

It is therefore, ORDERED that effective immediately any defendant charged with a traffic ticket that does not require a mandatory court appearance shall have the option of resolving the traffic ticket through the Deferred Sentencing Program without the necessity of appearing in court, provided the defendant pay a Deferred Sentencing fee. Some fees may be higher than others depending on the nature of the charge. The Deferred Sentencing Program is also optional to any defendant charged with a misdemeanor or traffic ticket that require a mandatory court appearance. The Deferred Sentencing fee must be paid to the Court Clerk. The Municipal Court of Coosada may require the defendant who received a traffic ticket to complete a defensive driving course within thirty (30) days of paying the Deferred Sentencing fee.

The aforementioned option shall be available to all defendants regardless of where they reside. Defendants with traffic tickets that do not require a mandatory court appearance shall continue to have the second option of appearing in court to plea not guilty, or appear in court and resolve the matter through the Deferred Sentencing Program.

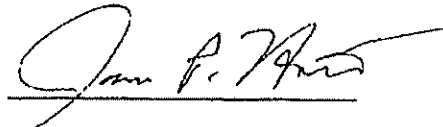
The Court Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to the Town Prosecutor and the Chief of Police.

Done this 9th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:



Clerk



Mayor



Coosada Municipal Judge