

**IN THE WESTERN COUNTY COURT
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO**

BAIL BOND SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Section 2937.222 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 46 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Ashtabula County Court, Western Division, directs all law enforcement or other arresting agencies within the Court's jurisdiction to set bail as follows:

1. Personal unsecured bail is the default rule.
2. The Judge or Magistrate of the Court shall set bail in the following cases:
 - A. Felony charges.
 - B. Misdemeanor charges, regardless of whether charged under the Ohio Revised Code, the Codified Ordinances of Geneva, Geneva-on-the-Lake, Roaming Shores, or Orwell, Ohio, or other statutory provision:
 - i. Domestic violence or any other offense of violence if the victim is a family or household member (see R.C. § 2919.251).
 - i. Violation of any protection order, or condition of community control, supervision, or probation involving prohibition from contact with specified persons or places.
 - ii. The following offenses if the accused was subject to a protection order and/or has a prior conviction involving the same complainant/victim:
 1. Assault (R.C. § 2903.13).
 2. Aggravated menacing (R.C. § 2903.21).
 3. Menacing by stalking (R.C. § 2903.211).
 4. Menacing (R.C. § 2903.22).
 5. Aggravated trespass (R.C. § 2903.211).
 6. Any sexually oriented offense as defined by R.C. § 2950.01.

- iii. Any other offense when the victim, police officer, or prosecutor is seeking a protection order, orders for no contact, or other conditions of bond.
3. In misdemeanor cases, when the police officer or prosecutor, based on the circumstances of the case, has reasonable cause to believe that a personal bond will not be sufficient to secure the appearance of the defendant or the defendant poses a risk of harm, the police officer in charge shall set bond according to the following schedule:

Offense Level	Bail Amount
First Degree Misdemeanor	\$2,500 (Cash/Surety/10%) + Surcharge
Second Degree Misdemeanor	\$1,500 (Cash/Surety/10%) + Surcharge
Third Degree Misdemeanor	\$1,000 (Cash/Surety/10%) + Surcharge
Fourth Degree Misdemeanor	Personal Unsecured Bail
Minor or Unclassified Misdemeanor	Personal Unsecured Bail

For example, if a person is charged with one first degree misdemeanor subject to a personal unsecured bail (which the Judge is not required to set a bond by this Bond Schedule), the bond should read: "\$2,500.00 (Cash/Surety/10%) Personal Unsecured Bond plus applicable surcharge."

4. If the police officer or prosecutor, based on the circumstances of the case, has reasonable cause to believe that the amount shown on this schedule is insufficient, the Judge or Magistrate shall be contacted for additional authority. Where a Judge or Magistrate has previously set a bail in this case, or has ordered a new bond in its last capias or warrant entry, that bail shall supersede the above bond schedule.
5. In all cases, a surety bond may be posted instead of a cash bond, if the surety has been approved by the Clerk of the Western County Court.
6. If a person is arrested for two or more offenses, a single bond set forth in the bond schedule applicable to the highest level of offense may apply to all charges unless a different bond is requested. For example, if a person is charged with one first degree misdemeanor, one third degree misdemeanor and one minor misdemeanor, the bond should read: "\$3,500.00 (Cash/Surety/10%) Personal Unsecured Bond plus applicable surcharge."

This bond schedule is effective as of June 1, 2021 for all cases filed in the Western County Court and supersedes any and all previous bond schedules of the Western County Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



MICHELLE M. FISHER, JUDGE
ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT,
WESTERN DIVISION

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