

**Rule 551. Traffic and Conservation Offenses for Which a Court Appearance is Required**

A court appearance, either in person or remote, including by telephone or video conference, is required for:

(a) All alleged major traffic offenses of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (625 ILCS 5/1-100 *et seq.*).

(b) All alleged violations of the following specified sections:

ILCS	Description
625 ILCS 5/3-707	Operating Without Insurance
625 ILCS 5/3-708	Operating When Registration Suspended for Noninsurance
625 ILCS 5/6-101	No Valid Driver's License
625 ILCS 5/6-104	Violation of Classification
625 ILCS 5/6-113	Operating in Violation of Restricted License or Permit
625 ILCS 5/11-1414(a)	Passed School Bus—Loading or Unloading
625 ILCS 5/15-112(g)	Refusal to stop and submit vehicle and load to weighing after being directed to do so by an officer, or removal of load prior to weighing
625 ILCS 5/15-301(j)	Violation of Excess Size or Weight Permit

(c) All alleged violations of the Child Passenger Protection Act, as amended (625 ILCS 25/1 *et seq.*).

(d) Any traffic offense that results in a crash causing the death of any person or injury to any person other than the accused.

(e) Class A conservation offenses or offenses for which civil penalties are required under section 20-35 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code, as amended (515 ILCS 5/20-35), or section 3.5 of the Wildlife Code, as amended (520 ILCS 5/3.5).

(f) Offenses arising from multiple charges.

(g) Violation of any ordinance of any unit of local government defining offenses comparable to those specified in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (h) of this Rule 551.

(h) Any minor traffic offense where the statutory minimum fine is greater than \$95, except those offenses involving truck violations pursuant to Rule 531(a) or similar municipal ordinances.

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other than Cook, effective July 1, 1977, in Cook County; amended September 20, 1979, effective October 15, 1979; amended December 22, 1981, effective January 15, 1982; amended April 27, 1984, effective July 1, 1984; amended March 27, 1985, effective May 1, 1985; amended June 26, 1987, effective August 1, 1987; amended June 19, 1989, effective August 1, 1989; amended December 7, 1990, effective January 1, 1991; amended June 12, 1992, effective July 1, 1992; amended May 24, 1995, effective January 1, 1996; amended March 26, 1996, effective May 1, 1996; amended September 30, 2002, effective immediately; [amended August 6, 2010, effective September 15, 2010](#); [amended Dec. 12, 2013, eff. Jan. 1, 2014](#); [amended Mar. 8, 2019, eff. July 1, 2019](#); [amended Sept. 29, 2021, eff. Oct. 1, 2021](#); [amended Oct. 27, 2022, eff. Sept. 18, 2023](#).