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MAUMEE COURT AMNESTY PROGRAM

Amnesty to be granted for money owed

Due to unpaid fines and costs

Maumee Municipal Court Judge Gary L. Byers has announced that effective March 15, 2017 a new amnesty program relating to overdue fines and costs will begin. This program will permit those persons who have outstanding balances for fines and costs from cases prior to 2016 to pay a reduced amount to settle the overdue obligation. Judge Byers stated that "some of these eligible cases are literally decades old and have accumulated warrant fees that sometimes amount to thousands of dollars. This program seeks to compromise by obtaining the collection of one half of the original fine and the original court cost with the benefit of no longer having a pending warrant." The modified amount will be calculated by waiving accumulated warrant fees and reducing the original fine by half.

To qualify for this program the recalculated amount must be paid in full. Once paid, the case will be closed as to fines and costs. A warrant block release will be provided as necessary.

This is the second time the Court has instituted an Amnesty Program for fines and costs. The prior instance was seven years ago and generated additional funds in excess of \$40,000.00.

The amnesty program will run from March 15, 2017 through May 31, 2017. Methods of payment are cash, debit cards and most credit cards. For further information contact the Court at 419-897-7136.