

[(7)](11) Adjudication of a municipal infraction, as defined in paragraph (1) of this subsection, is not a criminal conviction for any purpose, nor does it impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by a criminal conviction.

[(8)](12) In any proceeding for a municipal infraction[, it]:

(I) IT shall be the burden of the [State] MUNICIPALITY to prove [the guilt of] THAT the defendant [to the same extent as is required by law in the trial of criminal causes] HAS COMMITTED THE INFRACTION BY ~~A PREPONDERANCE OF THE CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE~~, and in any such proceeding, the DISTRICT Court shall apply the evidentiary standards as prescribed by law or rule for the trial of [criminal] CIVIL causes[.];

[(9)](II) [In any proceeding for a municipal infraction, the] THE DISTRICT Court shall ensure that the defendant has received a copy of the charges against [him] THE DEFENDANT and that [he] THE DEFENDANT understands those charges[. In such proceedings the];

(III) THE defendant shall be entitled to cross-examine all witnesses who appear against [him] THE DEFENDANT, to produce evidence or witnesses in [his] THE DEFENDANT'S own behalf, or to testify in [his] THE DEFENDANT'S own behalf, if [he] THE DEFENDANT elects to do so[.];

[(10)](IV) [In any proceeding for a municipal infraction, a] THE defendant shall be entitled to be represented by counsel of [his] THE DEFENDANT'S own selection and at [his] THE DEFENDANT'S own expense[.]; AND

[(11)](V) [In any proceeding for a municipal infraction a] THE defendant may enter a plea of guilty or not guilty OF THE INFRACTION AS CHARGED, and the verdict of the DISTRICT Court [in such case] shall be [(i)] guilty of a municipal infraction[, or (ii)] OR not guilty of a municipal infraction, or the DISTRICT Court may, before rendering judgment, place the defendant on probation[, in the same manner and to the same extent as is permitted by law in the trial of a criminal case].

~~(13) (I) WHEN THE CHARGE FOR WHICH A CITATION IS ISSUED IS A PERSON'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DECISION OR ORDER OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER AGENCY OF A MUNICIPALITY, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL ESTABLISH THAT:~~

~~1. A HEARING WAS HELD BY THE AGENCY AND THE DEFENDANT WAS GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD;~~

~~2. THE DECISION OR ORDER OF THE AGENCY WAS DELIVERED TO THE DEFENDANT AS PROVIDED BY LAW;~~

~~3. THE DEFENDANT WAS ADVISED OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THE AGENCY'S DECISION OR ORDER TO THE APPROPRIATE CIRCUIT COURT;~~