

Alcohol Offenses

If you are under 21 years of age and charged with an alcohol-related offense, you **must appear in person** in the Court. If you are under 18 years of age you must appear with your parent or legal guardian.

If you are found guilty of an offense under Section 106 of the Texas Alcohol Beverage Code

- Punishable by a fine up to \$500
- Attendance at an alcohol awareness course
- Mandatory 8 to 40 hours community service
- 30 to 180 day Suspension or denial of driver's license

Failure to appear in court to answer to the charges:

- An arrest warrant may be issued, at which time the fine amount can automatically be assessed the maximum allowed by law PLUS court costs and fees. If an arrest warrant is issued, the defendant will be subject to arrest at home, place of business, or wherever he/she may be found. In addition, we use a Collection Agency (MVBA) which would add an extra fee of 30% to the total.
- A request may be submitted by the Court to the Texas Department of Public Safety for the denial of driver license renewal if you have not appeared to answer the charges.

*If you do not have more than one conviction before your 21st birthday you may apply to the court to expunge the conviction after you turn 21. Contact the Whitesboro Municipal Court for more information.