

USE OF ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE
DRIVING (TEXTING WHILE DRIVING)

You have been cited under Ohio Revised Code section 4511.204-using electronic wireless communications device while driving. In the Norwalk Municipal Court, the texting while driving violation is not a mandatory appearance offense for **a first offense**. A waiver may be paid in lieu of appearance. If you choose to pay a waiver, you are pleading guilty to the charge and waiving your court date to appear. The waiver amount is \$300.00 (\$150.00 fine **\$150.00 court costs**).

“For traffic offenders who are charged with a violation of Using electronic wireless communications device while driving (texting while driving), this Ohio Department of Public Safety distracted driving course is available in lieu of paying the court fine of \$150.00, providing the offender submits written evidence of completion of the distracted driver course to the Court within 90 days from the violation date.

The one-hour course discusses what distracted driving is, who is a distracted driver, cell phone distractions, the risks and consequences of driving distracted, and combating distracted driving.

The course can be found on the Driver Training website [https://
www.drivertraining.ohio.gov](https://www.drivertraining.ohio.gov)

The offender will need to print the Certificate of Completion and submit it to the Court with the court cost payment of \$150.00 within 90 days from the violation date. The defendant will be credited \$150.00 fine and the 2 points assessed on this charge will be vacated.