

**BOND POLICY -EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2020
MUNICIPAL DIVISION OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI
CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL DIVISION**

It is hereby ordered that this Bond Policy, dated July 16, 2020 is effective immediately. **This bond schedule shall be utilized only for persons arrested without a warrant and held no longer than 24 hours. Pursuant to Section 479.360.**

It is further ordered that the City of Belton Police Department shall refer to the following schedule in setting appearance bonds for defendants in custody prior to the defendant's first appearance in court.

- A. Any person arrested for any ordinance violation shall be entitled to be released from custody pending trial. When an arrest is made without a warrant, the police officer shall carry out the following bond policy:
1. *In the Bond Amount field, on the citation, enter monetary BOND amount set according to the bond order; only if paragraph 2 (a) or (b) applies; if not the defendant shall be released upon their own recognizance on his/her written promise to appear at all Court proceedings.*
 2. ***The defendant shall be released upon his or her written promise to appear at a later date, unless the police officer or the city prosecutor presents evidence on the approved Warrant Application form to the court that:***
 - a. ***The defendant's promise to appear alone is not sufficient reasonable to assure the appearance of the person, or***
 - b. ***The person poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person.***
 3. ***ALL MINOR TRAFFIC and MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS will be set as ROR immediately, and shall be released upon his or her written promise to appear at a later date unless the violation is issued during the same incident as a Failing to Yield to Emergency Vehicle (Eluding), Driving While Intoxicated or Driving Under the Influence, Controlled Substance, False Information, or Endangerment.***
 4. *Any motorist who possesses a valid operator's license from another state shall not be required to post a bond to secure appearance if the officer receives the motorist's signed personal assurance that he or she will comply with the terms of the citation.*
 5. *Upon oral or written application by a peace officer or city prosecutor the court will consider the factors listed in Mo. S. Ct. Rule 37.15(d) to determine whether above paragraph 2 (a) or (b) should apply and if so, the court will then determine the least restrictive bond condition(s) that are necessary to assure the defendant's presence at future court proceedings or to protect crime victims, the community, or any other person. The Court will then issue a written order stating the conditions of release imposed and the conditions shall be given to the defendant by means of an approved form or approved bond form.*
 6. *The Municipal Judge is available at all times to rule promptly upon warrants, bail and conditions of pre-trial release, and other matters without undue delay.*
 7. *The order for issuance of a warrant will be noted and signed by the Municipal Judge on the Warrant Application and same will be sufficient to order the clerk to issue and sign the individual warrant.*

SO ORDERED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2020

Ross Nigro

Ross N. Nigro
Judge of the Belton Municipal Division of the 17th Judicial Circuit