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### **UNIFORM FINES AND FEES FOR CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IMPLEMENTED**

The Navajo Nation Judicial Branch has implemented uniform civil motor vehicle infraction fines and fees for civil traffic violations across all judicial districts.

Under the Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Code, individuals who commit a civil motor vehicle infraction are subject to a fee of not less than \$37.50 and no more than \$500. Until now, individuals were subject to different fines for the same civil traffic infractions. The new schedule will assure fair remedies so individuals pay the same fines or fees for the same civil traffic infractions at all district court locations.

An example of the new fines is speeding fines. Speeding fines now start at \$70 for the first mile over the posted speed limit then increases in increments of \$5.00 per mile up to 20 miles over the posted speed limit. At 21-25 miles per hour over the speed limit, the fine is \$200 and at 26-30 miles per hour over the speed limit, the fine is \$300. More details on the fines and fees for other civil traffic violations are available on the [www.navajocourts.org](http://www.navajocourts.org) website.

The new fines and fee schedule is effective as of April 13, 2017.

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