

# THE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT IS NOW OFFERING YOU A

## “FRESH START”

### WHAT IS THE FRESH START PROGRAM?

This is a program designed to help resolve your outstanding financial obligations to the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court. This program is voluntary and requires your desire and effort to comply with the terms and conditions agreed upon.

**IF** a warrant has been issued for your arrest for failure to pay your outstanding fines and/or your driving privileges have been suspended (for non-payment) you are eligible for the **FRESH START PROGRAM**. You will be required to pay at least 50% of the total fine amount due in order to resume your payment plan and reinstate your driving privileges. If you fail to make payments as scheduled, a warrant will be issued and your driving privileges will again be suspended, your privileges of participating in the **FRESH START PROGRAM** will be revoked and full payment will become due immediately.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FRESH START PROGRAM?

Every individual who has an outstanding warrant issued for **NON-PAYMENT** of fines by the Egg Harbor Twp. Municipal Court is eligible for the **FRESH START PROGRAM**. If your driver's license is suspended, establishing a time payment order under the **FRESH START PROGRAM** will lift the suspension ordered by the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court for non-payment of fines. You may speak to a Court employee for more information about restoration of your driving privileges.

### HOW DO I GET STARTED IN THE FRESH START PROGRAM?

To participate in the **FRESH START PROGRAM**, you will be required to come to the Egg Harbor Twp. Municipal Court and complete a partial payment application, disclosing information that would allow the Court to contact you if necessary. A staff member will assist you in setting up your time payment order with terms and conditions that must be met in order to help you complete your obligations of the signed agreement by which you are expected to abide.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN NOT MAKE MY PAYMENT ON TIME?

You must call and speak to a Court employee **immediately**. Do not let your payment date pass before you contact the court. An extension on a payment will be granted only once, if there is a documented change (proof) in your financial circumstances. If you give false information to the Court regarding your financial circumstances, your time payment order will be revoked and full payment will become due and payable immediately. You may also face additional penalties for giving false information to the Court. A court ordered fine is not a bill, it is a sentence. The effort to enforce a court ordered sentence imposing a fine is not a bill collection; it is enforcement of a court order. In many cases a fine payment order is preferable as punishment because it requires some sacrifice on your part but does not involve deprivation of your liberty, which imposes personal and financial hardship on you and your family.

**BEFORE CONTACTING THE COURT PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION AND OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR THE COURT STAFF TO ASSIST YOU:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

**“SOMETIMES WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE END, CAN TURN INTO A FRESH START”**