

How to Prepare for Trial

Ruidoso Municipal Court

1. It is the defendant's responsibility to make sure that the Court is aware of any address changes from the address on the traffic citation and/or complaint and a telephone number where the court can contact defendant.
2. Organize your facts in order and write them down. Practice your story out loud a few times. Stick to the major facts; don't ramble on about tiny details.
3. The court will usually not allow hearsay. This means you cannot say that someone said or wrote something unless they are a witness and can verify those statements. No notarized statements are allowed.
4. If you plan on using witnesses, subpoenas may be obtained from the Municipal Court Clerk.
5. Please provide witness contact information at least 10 days prior to trial date.
6. It's the defendant's responsibility to provide any evidence to the Officer/Attorney/Court at least 10 days prior to trial date.
7. Failure to appear for your trial could result in a bench warrant for your arrest, up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine for contempt of Court.

