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If you have fines that you have not paid to the City of Burleson's Municipal Court, your time is running out. Arrests will be made and unpaid fines will be collected during a Metroplex Warrant Roundup. Notices have been mailed statewide by participating agencies for the 2013 Great Texas Warrant Roundup that starts Saturday, March 2.

Burleson currently has approximately 3,100 outstanding warrants valued at more than \$700,000.

The City's marshals, Burleson Municipal Court and the Burleson Police Department will join forces with more than 120 law enforcement agencies across the state for the 2013 Great Texas Warrant Roundup.

The municipal court staff extended the court's hours of operation for February. Regular business hours for the court are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday as well as 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Hours have been extended on every Friday in February (this Friday, Feb. 22, is the final extended hours Friday), 8 a.m.-7 p.m. The court is located inside the Burleson sub courthouse at 247 Elk Dr., Room 114 (across from Burleson High School).

If you don't know if you have an outstanding warrant, call the Burleson Municipal Court, 817-426-9220, or the court in which you received a citation.

The Burleson Police Department's Citizens On Patrol (COPs) have been assisting the court in clearing the warrants by making phone calls to individuals who have outstanding warrants. COPs members will call those with unpaid fines on Thursday, Feb. 21, in an attempt to clear the cases.

The focus is on Class C misdemeanor warrants, the majority of which are traffic-related offenses. Although the focus is on Class C warrants, higher charge warrants may also be served.

To avoid being arrested, you may:

- Appear in person at Burleson Municipal Court.
- Pay online by logging on to the City website, www.burlesontx.com, and clicking on the "Online Payments" box. You cannot make partial payments, pay cash bonds, or pay dismissal fees online. Payments

received by 4 p.m. are posted on the next business day. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

- Pay by money order or cashier's check. Mail the payment to Burleson Municipal Court, 247 Elk Dr., Room 114, Burleson, TX 76028. If the payment is mailed, warrant(s) will remain active until the payment is received and posted.

For more information about outstanding warrants, call the Burleson Municipal Court, 817-426-9220.