

# Persons Desiring to Contest Parking Citations

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1993,** California Assembly Bill 408 decriminalized the adjudication of parking citations. This bill transfers the responsibility of adjudicating a parking citation from the criminal court system to the issuing agency.

Pursuant to California Vehicle Code 40215, a citizen dissatisfied with the results of the staff review, may bring the citation before a neutral examiner for a personal hearing.

# THE REQUIRED FEES TO BE POSTED FOR A HEARING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Face value of the citation and any penalties accrued to be paid in full.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF REQUEST. PAYMENT TO BE PAID IN FULL BY: check, money order, cash

2. If you are unable to pay the requisite deposit (VC 40215(b)) and are able to provide proof of the inability to pay the requisite deposit, you may request the Advance Deposit Hardship Waiver form. (If requesting advance deposit waiver for the hearing, approval of this document does not waive the penalty if the citation(s) in question are ultimately upheld).

Failure to appear or meet your obligation by mail will result in forfeiture (loss) of your payment.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **HEARING BY PERSONAL CONFERENCE:**

You will be notified of your hearing date as soon as your request for Hearing form is processed.

### WRITTEN DECLARATION:

If you are not appearing by personal conference but, are sending a written declaration of your dispute regarding this citation, please explain to us in detail your further reasons for dispute.

If you receive a Notice of Delinquency before receiving notification of your hearing, please disregard the notice.

# **HEARING PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF VISTA**

The City of Vista will provide, with one or more hearing officers, the Administrative parking citation disposition services pursuant to the requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).