

Hanover General District Court: Continuance Policy

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The following cases, after being set for trial, may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion (in court):

- Traffic accidents involving fatalities
- Traffic cases as requested by officers
- Criminal cases including DUI
- Citizen warrants (with or without attorneys)
- Cross warrants (with or without attorneys)
- Class 1 and 2 Misdemeanors and Felonies for the following dockets: Animal Control, Game Warden, Forestry, and Fire Code

If an attorney is retained and requests a trial date before the arraignment date, the trial date would be set through the clerk's office. Once the trial date is set, the attorney must send the court a letter stating he/she has been retained and the trial date agreed upon.

The following cases, after being set for trial, may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the County Attorney's Office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion (in court):

- Zoning and Building Code Violations (with or without attorneys)
- Environmental Violations
- Signs on Highway Violations

Cases that do not involve the Commonwealth's Attorney or County Attorney offices may be continued on agreement of Defendant and the Clerk's office. If there is no agreement, by the Judge on motion:

- Requests for continuances of accident cases with witnesses or cases with citizen complainants can be processed up to 4:00 p.m. two days before the court date.
- All other continuance requests must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the court date.
- All attorney continuance requests **MUST** be in writing by letter or motion and received by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the court date.
- Defendant continuance requests can be processed by phone, mail or fax by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the court date.