

TRIAL DE NOVO PROCEDURE

If you entered a plea of not guilty and are found guilty after your trial, you can accept the decision or appeal to the Circuit Court. If you appeal your case, you will be granted a new trial before a different judge.

- A trial de novo is a new trial held as though it had not been tried before.
- **The request for appeal must be made in writing within 10 days** (including weekends and holidays) of the court's decision and cannot be extended for any reason.
- The defendant shall have the right of trial de novo, unless there has been a plea of guilty or the case has been tried before a jury.
- An application for trial de novo shall not be granted after the defendant has satisfied any part of the penalty and costs of the judgment.

You must come to the Harrisonville Municipal Court office to file for a Trial de Novo:

- Complete an Application for Trial de Novo.
- \$30.00 filing fee **per case**: Bring a cashier's check or money order for the correct amount made payable to Cass County Circuit Court.

If the application and filing fee are not submitted to the Harrisonville Municipal Court within the 10 day time limit, then the original fine and sentence will be imposed.