

Bond cards from the authorized companies, [click here](#), are acceptable as bail in the Circuit Court of Cook County for only the following traffic offenses in the following amounts:

Traffic Offense	Bail Amount
<p>Minor traffic offenses that are subject to the bail schedule of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 526(a).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Including speeding 1-20 mph over the speed limit. 	\$120
<p>Speeding, but only when more than 20 mph over the posted limit but not more than 25 mph over the posted limit. 625 ILCS 5/11-601, Ill. Sup. Ct., R 526(c)(1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speeding 21-25 mph over the speed limit. 	\$140
<p>Use of safety belts, driver or passenger. 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1, Ill. Sup. Ct., R 526(c)(8).</p>	\$60

Bond cards are not acceptable as bail for speeding violations 26 mph or more above the speed limit. Please remind your officers:

- the authorized company name may be on either side of bond card
- automobile bond cards are not acceptable as bail in Cook County for a violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-601.5(a) (Class B misdemeanor);
- automobile bond cards are not acceptable as bail in Cook County for a mandatory insurance violation;
- roadside assistance cards are **not** bond cards and cannot be accepted as bail; and
- automobile bond cards can be accepted as bail **only** in amounts up to \$140 for a single offense and \$500 for multiple offenses.

The Circuit Court of Cook County can recover the monies from the bond companies for the traffic offenders who fail to appear in court only if the bond cards accepted by law enforcement officers are valid. For a bond card to be valid in Cook County, it must:

1. be issued by an authorized company on the enclosed list;
2. not be expired on the date of the traffic offense;
3. be signed by the **traffic offender whose name appears on the card**; and

4. be accepted as bail for **only** the traffic offenses listed above.

If you have any questions, please call (312) 603-6017.