

## CHAPTER 15 – MUNICIPAL COURT

Sec. 15-12. Civil hearings, citation; sufficiency; amendment.

(a) A complaint is legally sufficient if it contains either a written description or the statutory designation of the alleged violation.

(b) A court may amend a civil citation under this chapter as follows:

1. At any time before judgment if no additional or different violation is charged and if substantial rights of the defendant are not prejudiced.

2. To conform to the evidence adduced at hearing if no additional or different violation is charged and if substantial rights of the defendant are not prejudiced.

(c) All amendments to a complaint relate back to the date on the complaint or the date of violation, whichever is earlier.

(d) Where there is a conflict between the written description and the statutory designation of a civil traffic violation, the descriptive text shall take precedence unless substantial rights of the defendant are prejudiced or such action would result in a criminal charge. If a judicial officer is unable to determine what offense is charged, the charge shall be dismissed without prejudice and the issuing agency notified.  
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