

## YOUR RIGHTS AS A DEFENDANT

The right to be represented by an attorney. If indigent and facing the possibility of *jail*, a public defender may be appointed.

The right to a reasonable continuance of your case for cause.

The right to a full explanation of the charges against you

The right to remain silent. Any statement may be used against you.

The right to make an oral explanation upon a plea of guilty or if found guilty.

The right to a trial by the judge or by a jury, if eligible.

The right to a "Presumption of Innocence." Every person is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The right to present witnesses and the right to have your witnesses subpoenaed.

The right to cross-examine prosecution witnesses.

The right to testify or not to testify, as you desire.

The right to appeal to a higher court. If you plead guilty, you waive your right to appeal.

### **Miscellaneous**

The maximum penalty that can be imposed for any ordinance violation in the City of Maryville is a \$500.00 fine or 90 days jail, or a combination of both; however, no fine will be imposed that is greater than that which would be imposed if same could have been paid in the Violations Bureau.

If you are not a citizen of the United States, a guilty plea or conviction may affect your immigration status.

### **Your duties toward the court are as follows:**

To appear properly attired and to maintain the decorum and dignity of the court.

To appear promptly at the date and time of any hearing scheduled by this court.

To remain seated and remain quiet until your case is called.

To turn off all pager and cell phones.

To refrain from chewing gum, eating or drinking beverages in the courtroom or nearby area.