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## One Week Left to Save Big During the Pinellas Clerk's Start Smart Campaign

An abundance of citizens have already taken advantage of the special event hosted by the Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's office. This community event is set to continue until **Friday, March 10, 2017 (excluding the weekend)** and it has already helped many citizens reset the past and save a lot of money.

The Clerk's office is waiving collection fees for a limited time only when citizens pay their outstanding fines and fees in full. Citizens can look forward to saving up to 40% during this special campaign as they have the option of paying on a single case or paying on as many cases as they can. In the first week of the event, a total of 561 people have cleared up their financial obligations on 974 cases. These savings have been applied to many different payable charges ranging from traffic violations to minor misdemeanors and very serious felonies. Below are some examples:

- Trespassing
- Expired registration
- Driving without a valid license
- Speeding
- Failure to wear seatbelt
- Petit theft
- Aggravated assault

Anyone with a Pinellas County case that's gone unpaid for more than 90 days and has had additional 'collection' fees assessed, can visit the locations listed below to avoid paying the collection fees during this limited time offer.

- **North County Branch** – 29582 U.S. 19 N., Clearwater, FL
- **Clerk's Tyrone Branch** – 1800 66th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL
- **Pinellas County Justice Center** – 14250 49th St. N., Clearwater, FL

The office locations will be open during regular hours of operation (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) with the exception of some extended hours. The Pinellas County Justice Center is the only location that will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, money order and credit card.

For more information, please call (727) 464-7000 or email [startsmart2017@mypinellasclerk.org](mailto:startsmart2017@mypinellasclerk.org)

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### ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all county funds.