


READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BEFORE CALLING THE COURT

PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 3(5). Code of Judicial Conduct).

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Colorado County to assist you in making disposition of the charge or charges against you. You will receive no further contact from the court unless you fail in your responsibility to take care of your citation. Please choose the appropriate option:

OPTION 1 - Pay Your Ticket

Determine your fine by the schedule below.

Circle GUILTY or NO CONTEST on the REPLY FORM (other side – Section A, Check Box 1). Send  (mail):



- completed REPLY FORM – Section A
- and payment by Cashier's Check or Money Order (No personal checks accepted) or you may pay by credit card (see information below) To the Judge listed on your ticket, postmarked by the appearance date noted on your ticket.

OPTION 2 – Deferred Disposition (Article 45.051 CCP)


If you hold a CDL you are not eligible for deferred disposition. If you qualify for deferred disposition and the Court grants it, you will be placed on unsupervised probation for a period not to exceed 180 days, and if at the end of that period you have complied with the terms of your probation, your **case will be dismissed**. You must contact the Court for this option. **If you are younger than 25 years of age, you must complete a driver safety course as a term of your probation.**

OPTION 3 - Take Driving Safety Course

To be eligible you MUST do ALL of the following:

1. Complete the REPLY FORM (other side – Section A, Check Box 3).
2. Complete the REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE AND HAVE FORM NOTORIZED (other side – Section B).
3.  Mail REPLY FORM, **Notorized REQUEST FORM**, Proof of Insurance, and Cashier's Check or Money Order for \$110.00, postmarked by your appearance date, to the court that is listed on your ticket. You may also pay the fee by credit card (see information below)
4.  Mail REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DRIVING RECORD (other side – Section C) to DPS along with \$10.00 fee.
5. Make sure ALL information is typed or legibly printed. Re-check envelope to make sure all items are enclosed.

OPTION 4 - Ask for Trial

You must send: 

- Completed REPLY FORM (other side – Section A, Check Box 4), noting NOT GUILTY plea and desired Judge or Jury trial
- Copy of Driver's License

You will be notified by mail of trial date - you MUST notify court if your address changes

OPTION 5 - Do Nothing

A phone call is NOT an appearance, you MUST enter a plea in person or in writing!

After your appearance date passes and you have failed to appear (enter a plea) in court :

- You may be charged with an additional violation of Violate Promise to Appear or Failure to Appear and warrants will be issued for your arrest.
- The renewal of your Driver's License may be Denied and you will be turned over to an attorney for collection. Additional fees will be applied.**

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES (EFFECTIVE September 1, 2009)

Contact Court If Violation Is Not Listed, Occurs In A School Zone or A Construction Zone With Workers Present

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (COURT COSTS INCLUDED)

SPEEDING:

1 to 5 MPH over speed limit.....	\$140.00	Violate Promise to Appear/ Fail to Appear...\$298.00-\$565.00
6 to 10 MPH over speed limit.....	\$150.00	Expired Registration
11 to 15 MPH over speed limit.....	\$170.00	Expired Inspection
16 to 20 MPH over speed limit.....	\$220.00	Seat Belt Violations
21 to 25 MPH over speed limit.....	\$280.00	Unrestrained Child
26 MPH over speed limit.....	\$298.00	Passing in No Passing Zone
Expired Driver's License / D.L. violation	\$130.00	Wrong Side of Road / Wrong Way
No Driver's License & Permitting unlicensed driver to drive.....	\$298.00	No Liability Insurance (first offense)
No Commercial Driver's License	\$298.00	Disregard Official Traffic Control Device.....
		Driving While License Invalid (first offense)

Hon. BILLY HEFNER-Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 783, COLUMBUS, TX 78934, 979-732-2734
Business Hours: Mon.- Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

Hon. RICHARD G. LUHRS-Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 945, Weimar, TX 78962, 979-725-8833
Physical Address: 105 E. Main, Weimar, TX 78962
Business Hours: Mon.- Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

Hon. GEORGE CASON-Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 396, Eagle Lake, TX 77434, 979-234-2042
Physical Address: 121 N. McCarty, Eagle Lake, TX 77434
Business Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

PAY BY CREDIT CARD:

USE JURISDICTION CODE: **Judge Hefner, Pct. #1: 6310**
Judge Luhrs, Pct. #2: 6311
Judge Cason, Pct. #4: 6313

- 1) Via Web: www.officialpayments.com
- 2) Customer Service: 1-888-357-8394

OFFICIAL PAYMENTS, THE SERVICE PROVIDER, CHARGES
NOMINAL FEE FOR THIS SERVICE.
CONFIRMATION # _____

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REPLY FORM

Mail this form, with other items requested, to the Justice Court listed on your citation.

NAME (Print or type as it appears on your Driver's License)

Driver's License Number

Current Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number (Daytime)

Citation No.

Date of Citation

Date cited to appear on or before

Alleged Violation #1 (plea entered below)

Alleged Violation #2 (plea entered below if applicable)

CHECK ONE AND CIRCLE PLEA: (Under 17 years of age must appear with parent or guardian)

- 1 I hereby enter a plea of (**circle one**) GUILTY or NO CONTEST to violation # ____, (and violation # ____) and waive appearance for trial. A Cashier's Check or Money Order in the total amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- 2 I hereby enter a plea of (circle one) GUILTY or NO CONTEST to violation # ____, (and violation # ____) and waive appearance for trial, and request that the Court grant me deferred disposition.
- 3 I hereby enter a plea of (**circle one**) GUILTY or NO CONTEST to violation # ____, waive appearance for trial, and request that the Court grant me a Driving Safety Course (DSC). I have completely filled out the DSC request below. (**DSC for one violation only!**)
- 4 I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY to alleged violation # ____ (and alleged violation # ____) and request the court advise me of my trial date.

CHECK ONE: _____ I request a JURY Trial.
 _____ I waive my right to a Jury Trial and request a trial before the court (Trial before a Judge).

Signature _____ DATE _____

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AFFIDAVIT FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (mail to COURT if requesting DSC)

FAILURE TO REMIT THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR THE COURSE

IF YOU COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRIVERS SAFETY COURSE AND WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COURT.

Please indicate (T) True or (F) False next to the statements listed below. If any are False, you are NOT eligible for the Driving Safety Course.

- _____ I do NOT possess a Commercial Driver's License. (If you **possess** a CDL you are not eligible to take DSC, regardless of the vehicle operated.)
- _____ I have completely filled out (checked the box requesting D.S.C.) and enclosed the REPLY FORM (**Section A, Box 3**).
- _____ I possess a valid TEXAS driver's license or permit.
- _____ I have NOT taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past year.
- _____ I am NOT in the process of taking a driving safety course to dismiss another offense.
- _____ This violation did NOT occur in a construction zone while workers were present.
- _____ I understand I CANNOT take the driving safety course in lieu of paying the fine if I am accused of speeding 25 MPH or more over the speed limit.
- _____ I enclose proof of Financial Responsibility (insurance). (A photocopy is acceptable--NO ORIGINALS PLEASE)
- _____ I enclose a **money order or cashier's check (No personal checks)** made payable to the Justice Court indicated on my citation in the amount of \$110.00 or I have paid the fee by credit card (confirmation # _____). I understand this amount includes a \$10.00 non-refundable fee.
- _____ I understand that this form Must be NOTARIZED.
- _____ I understand that I am responsible for **completing a D.P.S. approved Driving Safety Course within 90 days from the date this form is notarized.**
- _____ I understand that I must remit the proper DSC completion certificate to the Court before the expiration of 120 days from the notarized date.
- _____ I understand that I am responsible for requesting a copy of my driving record from the state as indicated in (**Section C**) .
- _____ I understand that I must remit my driving record (**as indicated in Section C**) to the Court before my DSC course will be accepted by the court. (**You may remit your driving record with your DSC certificate of completion.**)

Under Penalty of Perjury, I swear or affirm that the above is true and correct.

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DRIVING RECORD

To obtain a copy of your driving record you MUST do one of the following:

- Download the request form (DR-1) from DPS at: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/ftp/forms/dr-1.pdf>
- Contact DPS @ 1-512-424-2000 to have the DR-1 form mailed to you.

Note: You MUST check box 3A on DR-1 form and mail the request form along with the state fee to the Texas Department of Public Safety. **After obtaining your driving record from DPS you MUST remit the record to the court.**