

COURTESY LETTER – WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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All fines listed below INCLUDE all State of Texas mandated fees

- 1. SPEEDING
 - 1-5 mph over posted speed limit \$200.00
 - 6-10 mph over posted speed limit \$225.00
 - 11-15 mph over posted speed limit \$250.00
 - 16-24 mph over posted speed limit \$275.00
 - 25-30 mph over posted speed limit \$295.00
 - 31+ mph over posted speed limit CONTACT COURT
- 2. MOVING VIOLATIONS \$150.00
- 3. EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS \$150.00
- 4. REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS \$100.00*
- 5. DRIVER'S LICENSE VIOLATION \$165.00*
- 6. NO PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE (1st Offense)..... \$415.00**
- 7. FAILURE TO CHANGE ADDRESS \$115.00
- 8. SEAT BELT VIOLATION \$150.00
- 9. UNRESTRAINED CHILD \$300.00
- 10. PUBLIC INTOXICATION \$340.00
- 11. Poss. Drug Paraphernalia/disorderly conduct/simple assault \$340.00
- 12. MINOR IN POSSESSION (alcohol or tobacco) CONTACT COURT
- 13. OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATION \$215.00
- 14. FAILURE TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS (loading or unloading) \$755.00
- 15. DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID (1st Offense)..... \$405.00
- 16. PASSING STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLE \$300.00
- 17. UNLAWFUL TEXTING OR USE OF CELL PHONE (first offense) \$150.00

++SPEEDING FINES ARE DOUBLED IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES WHEN WORKERS PRESENT++

DEFENDANTS UNDER 17 MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR DISMISSIBLE VIOLATIONS

NOTICE:

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 45.041 (a-1)

There may be an alternative to full payment of any fine or costs assessed against a Defendant if the Defendant is eligible to remedy the fine(s) and Cost(s) by one of the following methods. If the judge determines after a hearing, that the Defendant does not have sufficient resources or income to immediately pay all or part of the fine(s) and cost(s), the Judge shall determine whether the fine(s) and cost(s) should be:

1. Required to be paid at some later date or in a specified portion at designated intervals (payment plan)
2. Discharged by performing community service;
3. Waived in full or in part; or
4. Satisfied through any combination of these methods.

* **EXPIRED REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS** – Charges may be dismissed if this violation is:

- Remedied within 20 WORKING DAYS from date of the ticket and:
- Proof of registration from County Tax Assessor-Collector showing vehicle registration valid for 12 months, and,
- Proof of payment of delinquent registration penalty fee to State of Texas at Assessor's Office and,
- Cashier's Check or Money Order for \$20.00 Administration Fee payable to the Court.

* **EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE VIOLATIONS** – Charges may be dismissed if this violation is:

- Remedied within 20 WORKING DAYS from date of the ticket and,
- Provide proof of valid driver's license status to the Court and,
- Cashier's Check or Money Order for \$20.00 Administration Fee payable to the Court.

** **NO LIABILITY INSURANCE/FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Proof of verifiable liability coverage AT THE TIME the ticket was issued.
- Proof of insurance must have insurance agent contact information.

YOU MUST ENTER YOUR PLEA IN WRITING OR IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE LISTED ON YOUR TICKET.

****A TELEPHONE CALL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE****

REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court marked on the reverse side of this letter.

IMPORTANT – Enclose a copy of your ticket AND a copy of your driver's license

You are required to keep the court advised of your current mailing address until the case is disposed.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name (as appears on license): _____

Ticket #: _____ Date of Ticket: _____

Date cited to appear: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Complete either A or B below

A. PLEA FORM – IF YOU WANT TO PAY OR CONTEST THE CHARGE

Check One:

I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance for trial. CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of the fine is enclosed payable to Justice Court marked on the reverse page.

I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE (NO CONTEST)** and waive appearance for trial CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of the fine is enclosed payable to Justice Court marked on the reverse page.

I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request (PICK ONE):
[] trial by **Judge** OR [] trial by **Jury**

Sign Name: _____ Date: _____

B. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE APPLICATION – SEND BY CERTIFIED MAIL

I hereby request to take a Driving Safety Course CCP Art. 45.0511. Enclosed is my notarized request, proof of liability insurance, a copy of my driver's license, and a CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of **\$111.00**. Remember to also send a self-addressed **STAMPED** envelope!

My Plea is: (Check only one) [] Guilty [] Nolo Contendere (No Contest)

I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license or permit; that the alleged speed was not 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit and the alleged speed was not 95 or mph or higher; that I have not completed a course under CCP Art. 45.0511 within the past 12 months and am not in the process of taking such a course and that I have not completed a course under CCP Art. 45.0511 which is not reflected on my official DPS driving record. I AM NOT INDIGENT.

I understand that I will be charged court costs and a dismissal fee and that these fees are non-refundable and must be paid to the court before my charge will be dismissed.

I understand that I am not eligible for the Driving Safety Course unless I provide proof of liability insurance as required by Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act.

Signature of Defendant-Under penalty of perjury

Signed this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public of the State of Texas