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**PLEASE NOTE**

The Judge CANNOT discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to actual trial {Canon 6(c): Texas Code of Judicial Conduct}. This means that the Judge is forbidden from discussing your ticket with you before trial except as to PROCEDURAL matters. If you plead GUILTY and have extenuating circumstances, the Judge may discuss those with you.

**\*\*NO PLEAS ARE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE\*\***

This **COURTESY LETTER** is furnished to you by the Justice Courts of Washington County to assist you in the processing of the charge(s) filed against you. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. THEN, IF NECESSARY, CONTACT THE PROPER COURT.**

**Make money orders payable to: Wash. Co. JP # (appropriate court)**

**IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE OFFENSE OR IF YOU FAIL TO SATISFY A JUDGEMENT ORDERING THE PAYMENT OF A FINE AND COSTS IN THE MANNER ORDERED BY THE COURT, YOU MAY BE DENIED RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

**\*YOUR CHOICES:\***

**1. TO PAY YOUR TICKET**

Pay the fine as outlined on the back of this letter. Check GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE on the reply form. Hand-deliver or mail WITH DATED POSTMARK to the proper Court **ON or BEFORE** your APPEARANCE DATE listed on your citation. Send the following:

- A copy of your original ticket
- The completed reply form – dated, signed and with your plea CLEARLY MARKED
- Payment must made by CASHIER'S CHECK , MONEY ORDER, credit card (see instructions)
- All Courts accept credit card payments – SEE instruction below to pay by credit card.

**2. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (DSC)**

To be eligible, YOU MUST:

- Have a valid Texas driver's license (NOTE: The holder of a Commercial Driver's License is NOT ELIGIBLE for DSC or MOTC, whether driving either a commercial vehicle, a personal vehicle or motorcycle)
  - Certify that you have not taken the course in the proceeding 12 months for the purpose of ticket dismissal; and,
  - Not have been cited for a speed of 25 mph or more over the legal speed limit.
- Send the following items to the Court (if mailed, it MUST be postmarked ON or BEFORE your Appearance Date):

1. A completed reply form (reverse side of this page) – signed, dated & NOTARIZED
2. Proof of your valid Texas liability insurance
3. Copy of your ticket
4. Self-addressed, STAMPED envelope
5. A copy of your valid Texas driver's license
6. A Court Fee of **\$144.00** – MUST be in the form of a CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.

DO NOT take the course until you receive written permission from the Court. If you apply and do not meet the requirements, you will forfeit the \$ 10.00 administrative fee and your entire fine amount will be immediately due. You will have 90 days from the date of Court approval to complete your course AND return all necessary paperwork to the Court in order to be granted a dismissal of the charge. If you fail to meet the 90 day deadline, a WARRANT for your arrest may be issued and your driver's license renewal may be denied.

**3. I WANT TO DISPUTE THE TICKET**

You MUST send the Court:

- A completed reply form (reverse side of this page) noting NOT GUILTY AND designate whether you want a trial by JUDGE OR BY JURY (six person).
- A copy of your ticket
- A copy of your valid driver's license

**YOU** will be summoned to Court for your trial date. The Washington County Attorney will be the prosecutor. You may be represented by an attorney of your choice, but it is not necessary in Justice Court. You MUST immediately notify the Court of any change of your address.

**4. IF YOU DO NOTHING BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE** – You will be charged with an additional criminal offense of Violate Promise to Appear/Failure to Appear for which additional fines and costs will attach. **AN ARREST WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED IN YOUR NAME.**

**READ COMPLETELY BEFORE CALLING THE COURT**