

CAUSE NO. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

v.

PRECINCT NO. _____

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPEAL BOND AMOUNT

The Court **FINDS** that:

The Defendant appeared by mail (in accordance with Article 27.14(b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure). The Court assesses a fine in the amount of \$_____ and imposes court costs in the amount of \$_____. If the Defendant wishes to appeal, the bond amount is \$_____. The fine/costs or appeal bond shall be paid before the 31st day after the defendant receives this notice.

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINE AND COSTS: A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment against them if they are unable to pay the fine or costs, in whole or in part.

Those alternative methods include:

- 1) A payment plan, allowing the defendant to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals. Note that if any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs then a \$25 time payment fee must be assessed.
- 2) Disposition of the amount assessed by performing community service. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for community service, see Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for full details. A defendant is entitled to a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of community service performed.
- 3) If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay is entitled to a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.

If you are unable to pay the fine and costs, please contact the court immediately.

ISSUED AND SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT _____

COUNTY, TEXAS