



## JUSTICE COURTS OF REFUGIO COUNTY

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**\*\* PLEASE READ THIS LETTER BEFORE CALLING \*\***

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge filed against you. ***PLEASE NOTE: A TELEPHONE CALL IS NOT AN APPEARANCE; AN APPEARANCE IN COURT IS ONLY BY CERTIFIED MAIL, IN PERSON OR BY YOUR ATTORNEY. THE JUDGE CANNOT DISCUSS THE MERITS OF PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDING PRIOR TO TRIAL*** (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct).

If you wish to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere, means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a nolo contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court of trial. **A PLEA MUST BE ENTERED WITH PAYMENT.**

You must refer to the schedule on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine (s) and the costs assessed against you. Make your remittance by **CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR COMPANY CHECK.** (NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED) payable to: **JUDGE LORRAINE LOPEZ** encircled at the top of this letter. Return copy of the citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.

If you wish to enter a plea of "NOT GUILTY" and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided. If you enter a plea of "NOT GUILTY", you must appear before the Court. You must return this letter and our copy of the citation no later than the **APPEARANCE** date shown on the citation. You shall be notified by return mail of the court date set for your hearing. You have the right to a trial by jury, if you so request.

Thank You,  
The Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas

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### WARNING

***FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE (S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF "FAILURE TO APPEAR" OF WHICH THE FINE IS \$350.00 AND ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST. THE COURT MAY ALSO DENY RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.***

**SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES  
(EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013)**

**OVER ALLOWED GROSS WEIGHT**

Over weight – Less than 2,500 lbs	\$402.00
Over weight – 2,500-5,000 lbs	\$612.00
Over weight – 5,001-10,000 lbs	\$1,202.00
Over weight – 10,001-20,000 lbs	\$2,702.00
Over weight – 20,001-40,000 lbs	\$5,702.00
More Than 40,000 lbs	\$8,202.00

**OVER SINGLE AXLE/TANDEM AXLE WEIGHT**

Over weight – Less than 2,500 lbs	\$402.00
Over weight – 2,500-5,000 lbs	\$612.00
Over weight – 5,001-10,000 lbs	\$1,202.00

No Motor Carrier Authority (ICC CAB CARD)	\$180.00
No or Improper Reflective Material	\$180.00
No or Improper Commercial Motor Vehicle Signs/Marking	\$180.00
No/Expired Registration or MVI Certificate	\$180.00
No Hazardous Material Shipping Papers	\$180.00
No Medical Card on Person	\$180.00
Display/Fail to Display Haz Material Placards when Needed/Not Needed	\$180.00
Oversize – ALL Width, Length, Height Violations	\$180.00
Improper Loading Loose Materials & Inadequate Bed Violations	\$180.00
No/Improper Load Securement	\$180.00
No/Improper Load Securement – Intermodal Container	\$180.00
ALL Vehicle Equipment Violations (Defective brakes, lights, etc.)	\$180.00
ALL Log Book Violation (except False Log Book, Over hrs. & Out of Service)	\$180.00
False Log Book	\$263.00
No Proof of Liability Insurance	\$357.00
Disregard Traffic Control Sign	\$180.00
No/Fail To Display TX DOT Insurance Certificate	\$180.00
NO Annual DOT Inspection	\$180.00
Illegal Extension to Rear	\$180.00
Fail to Display Current License Receipts	\$180.00
Driver in Possession of Radar Detector	\$217.00
Use of Cell Phone WITHOUT Hands-free Device	\$180.00

FOR ANY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED, CONTACT COURT.  
AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR PAYMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS. **CDL LICENSE HOLDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A DEFENSIVE  
DRIVING CLASS NOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**

**REPLY FORMS**

Mail to Justice Court on the front of letter **BY** the **APPEARANCE DATE** on the  
citation.

**CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance at trial. A **CASHIER'S CHECK, COMPANY CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive appearance at trial. A **CASHIER'S CHECK, COMPANY CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request of (JURY or NON-JURY) trial.  
**CIRCLE ONE -- I (WILL or WILL NOT) be represented by counsel.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

WARNING: "A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this state or a political subdivision of this state may result in the assessment on your driver's license of a surcharge under the Driver Responsibility Program."

INTERNET PAYMENT: \*\* A fee of 5.5% of total will be added to total \*\*

[WWW.CO.REFUGIO.TX.US](http://WWW.CO.REFUGIO.TX.US)

- CLICK: COUNTY OFFICE
- CLICK: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
- CLICK: PRECINCT #1 JUDGE LORRAINE LOPEZ
- CLICK: MAKE PAYMENT ON-LINE

**THEN FOLLOW ALL PROMPTS CAREFULLY**

**OR**

CALL OUR OFFICE AT 361-526-4877 TO MAKE A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OVER THE PHONE.  
THERE IS A FEE OF 5.5% OF TOTAL WILL BE ADDED TO TOTAL.