

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REQUIRE THAT THIS CHARGE BE DISMISSED BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR A MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR TRAINING COURSE. (moving violations only) You must meet the following requirements.

1. You have not taken the course for dismissal of a citation within the past year (12 months)
2. Your alleged speed was no more than 25 mph or more over the posted limit or going 95 miles per hour or more.
3. You have a valid Texas driver license that is not a commercial driver license.
4. You have valid proof of liability insurance.

I hereby enter a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere to the charge of _____ and request the court to dismiss the charge under the terms of the Code of Criminal Procedure Art.45.0511

I certify that I have a valid Texas driver license or permit; that the alleged speed was not more than 25 mph or more over the posted limit or 95 mile per hour or more; that I have not taken a course under Art. 45.0511 of the Code of Criminal Procedure within the past 12 months and am not in the process of taking such a course; that I have valid liability insurance coverage.

I understand that I will be charged court cost and associated fines (\$146.00 CASHIER’S CHECK or MONEY ORDER) and that these fees are nonrefundable, and that I must send a copy of the citation, a copy of my insurance, and a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

X _____
(Signature of Defendant) Date

You do not pay the listed court costs and associated fine(s) for the violation if you wish to take a course. However, if you receive a citation with more than one violation, you may only request to take a course for one violation, and the subsequent violations must be paid in full.

Violations that take place in a construction zone with workers present do not qualify for DSC dismissal.

Failure to comply BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE on your citation will result in you losing the right to take the course.

Justice of the Peace Courts Leon County

Informational Brochure and Reply Form



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This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Leon County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charges against you. **JUVENILE 16 & UNDER: CALL THE COURT! The law requires that you appear in court with one or both of your parents or a guardian having legal custody.**

- IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDRE: please indicate in the proper space provided on the reply form. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine and costs for a Nolo Contendere plea are the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates you agree to wave appearance before the Court for trial. You must refer to the schedule shown to determine the total amount of your court costs and associated fine(s) assessed. Make your remittance by **Cashier's Check or Money Order (PERSONAL CHECK NOT ACCEPTED)** to the Justice Court on your citation 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 on the reply form.

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND WARRANTS MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. THE ISSUANCE OF ARREST WARRANTS WILL MAKE YOU SUBJECT TO ENTRY INTO THE WANTED PERSONS FILE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00 STATE WARRANT FEE PER WARRANT. FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT OR FAILURE TO PAY OR SATISFY A JUDGMENT ORDERING THE PAYMENT OF A FINE AND COSTS IN THE MANNER ORDERED BY THE COURT MAY ALSO RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER LICENSE AND/OR THE CHARGE TURNED OVER TO COLLECTIONS RESULTING IN FURTHER EXPENSE.

Offenses relating to expired registration, inspection, driver license and vehicle equipment may be dismissed upon proof of renewal and/or remedying the defect according to law along with a payment of an administrative fee, call the Court for assistance.

Offenses committed in a construction zone with workers present will double the fine amount. Please contact the court for an accurate total.

ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINES 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:

- 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 \$15.00 time payment reimbursement fee must be assessed.
- 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.
- 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.
- A defendant may be entitled to jail credit in certain circumstances if the defendant was confined in jail or prison after the commission of the offense pending in justice court.

SCHEDULE OF COURT COSTS AND FINE(S)
SPEEDING

1-9 MPH over limit.....	\$186.00
10-18 MPH over limit.....	\$216.00
19-24 MPH over limit.....	\$236.00
25-34 MPH over posted limit.....	\$286.00
35-40 mph over posted limit.....	\$322.00
41+ MPH over limit.....	\$336.00

OTHER VIOLATIONS

Drivers License Violations.....	\$266.00
Unsecured Child under 8 (Safety Seat).....	\$296.00
Unsecured Passenger (Seat Belt).....	\$296.00
Driving While License Invalid.....	\$283.00
Fail to Control Speed (Avoid Collision/Unsafe Speed).....	\$296.00
Fail to Drive in Single Lane.....	\$296.00
Fail to Move Left for Emergency Vehicle.....	\$296.00
Fail to Signal Intentions.....	\$296.00
Fail to Stop/Yield at Stop Sign, Traffic Control Signal.....	\$296.00
Fail to Stop for School Bus.....	\$736.00
Fail to Yield Right of Way.....	\$296.00
Illegal, Unsafe or Improper Turn.....	\$296.00
Littering.....	\$236.00
No Proof or Valid Liability Insurance.....	\$336.00
No Valid Inspection Certificate.....	\$296.00
Open Container.....	\$316.00
Passing Violation.....	\$296.00
Registration Violation.....	\$236.00
No Seatbelt Driver.....	\$186.00
Use of Equipment Not Approved.....	\$236.00
Violate Promise to Appear.....	\$276.00
Wrong Side of Road (Not Passing).....	\$296.00

NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED
PLEASE SEND YOUR COPY OF CITATION WITH PAYMENT

REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court that appears on your citation.

Name: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Citation #: _____

Offense: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

CHECK ONE and sign below:

I hereby enter a Plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance for trial. **CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER** in the amount of the court costs and associated fine(s) is enclosed.

I hereby enter a Plea of **NOLO CONTENDRE** and waive appearance for trial. **CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER** in the amount of the court costs and associated fine(s) is enclosed.

I hereby enter a Plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request

Trial by Judge Trial by Jury

I hereby request to take a **Driving Safety Course**. Enclosed is my request, proof of liability insurance, and **cashier's check or money order** in the amount of \$146.00, copy of my citation and a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

X _____
(Signature of Defendant) Date

X _____
(Notary Public) Date

(Notary Seal)