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PLEASE NOTE

The Judge including Staff cannot give legal advice. Cannon 3(5), Code of Judicial Conduct.

- IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial see reverse side, you must indicate in writing by mail or in person by your appearance date.
- IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THIS CHARGE BY THE APPEARANCE DATE**, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR (\$381.00), AND WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. A WARRANT FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED ON EACH CHARGE FOR EXECUTING OR PROCESSING THE WARRANT.
- Telephone calls and emails do not constitute an appearance before the court.**

“JUVENILES 16 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER MUST CONTACT THE COURT WITH THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ON OR BEFORE THEIR APPEARANCE DATE AS SHOWN ON THE CITATION OR BE SUBJECT TO HAVING THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.”

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES AND COURT COST (STATE FEES AS SET BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE)

APPLICABLE TO AUTOMOBILES AND LIGHT TRUCKS effective as of January 1 2020.

SPEEDING: \$134.00 plus (+) \$5.00 per mile over the posted speed limit.
If in a School Zone or Construction/Maintenance Zone, (with workers present) \$134.00 plus (+) \$9.00 per mile over the posted speed limit.

ILLEGALLY OVERTAKING AND PASSING A SCHOOL BUS, the fine amount is \$596.00.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION: “Not wearing or improperly wearing”

Seatbelt Driver: \$174.00

Seatbelt Passenger: \$174.00

Passenger u/14yos: \$284.00

Child Safety Seat Violation: \$334.00

NO INSURANCE VIOLATIONS:

Fail to Display Proof of Liability Insurance: 1st Offense \$411.00 2nd Offense \$711.00

The charge of NO INSURANCE can be DISMISSED upon presentation of evidence of Liability Insurance provided the insurance was valid at the time the citation was issued.

The following charges are eligible for DISMISSAL with a \$10 fee if you present proof of correction within 10 days: Display Wrong/Obscured License Plate; Expired Driver's License; Fail to Display Driver's License; No Motorcycle License

The following charges are eligible to have the charge DISMISSED with a \$20 fee if you present proof of correction within 10 days: Expired Registration/Motorcycle Registration/Trailer Registration, Fail to Report Change of Address on Driver's License, Fail to Report Change of Name on Driver's License.

**REMIT BY CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, MADE PAYABLE TO “HAYS COUNTY”.
DO NOT MAIL CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS.**

YOU MAY ALSO PAY WITH MOST MAJOR CREDIT CARDS, PROCESSING FEE WILL APPLY.

If you are unable to pay the total due, you may contact the Court to schedule an appointment/hearing with the Judge, to discuss and consider your ability to pay and review any non-monetary options available to you that will not impose an undue hardship on you or your dependent(s).

REQUEST FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING AFFIDAVIT

TELEPHONE CALLS AND EMAILS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT

Mail to the Justice Court indicated on your Citation.

Enclose a copy of the Citation, your Driver's License & proof of insurance with your reply.

Name (as it appears on license) _____

Citation No. _____ Date of Citation _____

Appearance Date _____ Driver's License No. _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Telephone No. (Home) A/C _____ / _____ - _____ (Cell) A/C _____ / _____ - _____

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (DSC) OR MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR TRAINING COURSE

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that **(one)** charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course. However, you must provide written notice of your intent to the Court **on or before the appearance date** as shown on your citation.

NOTE: "A person who holds a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is not eligible to take a Driving Safety Course to dismiss the charge nor is the Court allowed, by law, to grant a deferred sentence." Also, if your charge is for a Construction/Maintenance Zone Violation (with workers present) or Passing a School Bus Loading or Unloading you are NOT eligible to take a Driving Safety Course or receive a deferred sentence.

A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

1. You are charged with a moving traffic violation other than Speeding 25 miles or more above the posted speed limit;
2. You have not used this option during the preceding 12 months and you are not in the process of using this option for another offense;
3. You have a valid Texas Driver's License;
4. You provide the Court with proof of financial responsibility (insurance) that complies with state laws;
5. You provide a copy of your driving record and a certificate of course completion approved by the State of Texas (Due date will be given by the Court).

IF REQUESTING DSC, READ AND HAVE FORM NOTARIZED AND RETURN TO THE COURT WITH YOUR PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (INSURANCE), COPY OF DRIVER'S LICENSE AND YOUR FEE ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE AS SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION.

I hereby request to take a Driving Safety Course (DSC) or Motorcycle Operator Training Course and enter a plea of no contest to the charge of: _____ and request the Court to dismiss the charge as provided by law. I certify that I have read and meet all the requirements as set forth above for DSC eligibility. I further understand that the DSC must be submitted to the Court within **90 days from the appearance date**; otherwise the original fine amount must be paid.

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE FEE IS \$144.00 only – unless DSC not turned in by due date.

Under the penalty of perjury: _____

Signature of Defendant

SWORN to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Notary Public or someone authorized to administer oaths)

Check one (If requesting Defensive Safety Course, you do not need to complete the section below).

1. I hereby enter a plea of ___ No Contest or ___ Guilty and wish to pay my fine. Payment of the fine amount is enclosed.
2. ___ I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request: A. ___ Trial by Court (Waiving Trial by Jury)
B. ___ Trial by Jury

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____. Signature _____