

JUDGES OF JUSTICE COURTS OF WINKLER COUNTY, TEXAS

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This information is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Winkler County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you.

PLEASE NOTE

The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial. This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you or give you legal advice. We would be glad to help you with any procedural questions.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY and desire a trial, you must so indicate by mail or in person by your appearance date. Please return this letter with your plea checked and a copy of your citation no later than the appearance date shown on your citation. You will be notified by mail of the court date set for your hearing. You have the right to a trial by jury if you so request. NOTE: The cost of impaneling a jury can in some instances be charged to the defendant.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, (no contest) and wish to remit your fine by mail, please so indicate in the proper space provided on the reply form on the reverse side.

1. Sign the plea of GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE (no contest) and check the plea of your choice.
2. Determine the amount of your fine(s) by using the chart provided.
3. Mail this letter, your citation, and a MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK for the proper amount to the appropriate Judge.
4. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE BY THE APPEARANCE DATE on the citation, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR (\$260.00) AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. A WARRANT FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED ON EACH CHARGE FOR EXECUTING OR PROCESSING A WARRANT. ADDITIONALLY A FAILURE TO APPEAR OR SATISFY A JUDGMENT ORDERING THE PAYMENT OF A FINE AND COST IN THE MANNER ORDERED BY THE COURT MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF A RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE.
5. JUVENILES 16 & under must contact the court with a parent or guardian. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON THE CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED.

***INFORMATION ON REQUESTING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IS PROVIDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE COURT

THE SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES BELOW INCLUDE COURT COSTS THAT ARE MANDATED BY THE STATE (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008)

SPEEDING: MPH over posted LIMITS	FINE
01-05 miles	\$150.00
06-10 miles	\$160.00
11-15 miles	\$180.00
16-20 miles	\$200.00
21-24 miles	\$260.00
25+	\$300.00

OTHER VIOLATIONS

*EXPIRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION	\$150.00
Running stop sign or signal light	\$235.00
* Inspection Violations	\$150.00
Seatbelt Violations (ADULT)	\$180.00
Seatbelt Violations (CHILD)	\$250.00
* No Liability Insurance	\$300.00
Excessive Acceleration (not eligible for DSC)	\$280.00
Unapproved window tint	\$150.00
* Driver's license violations	\$215.00
Failure to Yield Right-Of-Way	\$235.00
VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR	\$280.00
Driving While License Invalid/Suspended (First Offense)	500.00
Offenses Not Listed: Contact the Court	

NOTE: Fines for any violation committed while operating a commercial vehicle (other than speeding) must be obtained by contacting the court. In addition to this anyone with a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) is not eligible for DSC or Deferred Adjudication)

***THESE CHARGES 'MAY' BE DISMISSED AND YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE COURT FOR INFORMATION AND AMOUNT OF DISMISSAL FEES BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE!!!!**

No one connected with the Justice Court, nor the Officer issuing the citation, receives any portion of your fine(s). All fines are deposited in the Winkler County Treasury.

REMIT BY CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER DO NOT MAIL CASH OR PERSONAL CHECK!

REPLY FORM

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

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial. Payment in the amount of the fine is enclosed.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE (No Contest) and waive appearance for trial. Payment in the amount of the fine is enclosed.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request 1. trial by Court (waiving a jury trial) OR 2. trial by jury *

*NOTE: The cost of empanelling a jury can in some instances be charged to the defendant.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Signature)

NAME (as appears on license): _____

CITATION NO: _____ DATE OF CITATION: _____

Appearance Date: _____ Driver's License No.: _____

Mailing Address: _____

TELEPHONE _____ / _____

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (DSC)

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 the citation.

- I hereby plead _____ NOLO CONTENDERE (no contest) _____ GUILTY.
- I Possess a valid TEXAS driver's license or permit other than a commercial driver's license.
- I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty and have an out-of-state- driver's license/
- I have not taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past 12 months.
- I am not in the process of taking a driving safety course to dismiss another offense.
- I have not completed a driving safety course that is not yet reflected on my driving record.
- I understand that I cannot take a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine if I am accused of **speeding 95 mph or 25 mph or more over the Posted speed limit or a violation in a work zone with workers present.**
- I ENCLOSE a COPY of Proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance) that was in effect on the citation date.**
- I ENCLOSE a money order or cashiers check made payable to the JUSTICE COURT indicated on the reverse side in the amount of \$108.00**
- I understand I am responsible for completing a D.P.S. approved Driving Safety Course and remitting the Proper completion certificate to the Court before the expiration of the 90 day extension.
- I understand this form must be NOTORIZED.
- I understand upon receipt of my driving record that I am to submit it to the Court (Except active duty U.S. Military with out-of-state DL)**
- I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty and have not completed a DSC in any other state in the 12 months preceding the offense.
- I understand that this request must be postmarked on or before the reply date on my citation.

SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC (or someone authorized to administer oaths)