

LEON COUNTY TRAFFIC DIVISION

(850) 577-4100

Option Form

Florida law allows you 30 calendar days from the date you received your citation to **SELECT ONE** of the following options. Please read all information carefully before selecting your option.

_____ **OPTION 1: PAY THE FINE.** Points will be assessed against your license. You may not elect driver improvement school if you choose this option and pay the civil penalty. You may receive mail from driver improvement schools.

_____ **OPTION 2: REQUEST A COURT APPEARANCE.** By electing this option, you will be issued a court date and will waive your right to pay the civil penalty or attend driver improvement school. The court may impose a fine of up to \$500, require completion of a driver improvement course, or both.

_____ **OPTION 3: ATTEND DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL.** You must contact a traffic school of your choice in the State of Florida by referring to the yellow pages of your telephone directory, under the listing of "Driver Instruction", for a list of schools in your area. Please take the yellow copy of your citation and/or a copy of this form to the school to enroll, and be aware of the following:

- Driver improvement school can be elected only once in a 12-month period and 5 times in a lifetime.
- The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) must approve the school you attend.
- You must pay the applicable fine (reduced by 18%) and court costs within 30 days from the receipt of your citation.
- If you received your citation outside of Leon County, you must contact the Clerk's Office of that county.
- You must submit proof of school completion to the Leon County Clerk's Office within 60 days of filing your election affidavit.
- Upon receiving a certificate of school completion, the Clerk's Office will withhold adjudication of guilt, and no points will be assessed against your driver's license.
- If you fail to submit the certificate of completion within 60 days,
- DHSMV will issue an Order of Driver's License Suspension.
- You must pay the 18% reduction amount, a \$15.00 processing fee, and a \$18.00 late fee, as required by Section 318.15(1)(a), Florida Statutes.
- You may be required to pay a \$47.50 driver's license reinstatement fee.
- If you are ineligible for driver improvement school because you have attended within the past 365 days, or 5 times within your life,
- DHSMV will issue an Order of Driver's License Suspension.
- You must pay the 18% reduction amount, a \$15.00 processing fee, a \$18.00 late fee, & a \$6.00 supplement report fee, as required by Section 318.15(1)(a), Florida Statutes.
- You may be required to pay a \$47.50 driver's license reinstatement fee.
- You must complete the form below, and return it to the Leon County Clerk's Office, Traffic Division, 1920 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303:

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I AM ELIGIBLE FOR THE OPTION OF ATTENDING DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL, AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

Citation Number: _____

Your Full Name: _____

(please print legibly)

Your Signature Date

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public