



JUSTICE COURTS OF MILAM COUNTY



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THIS LETTER IS FURNISHED AS A COURTESY TO YOU BY THE JUSTICE COURTS OF MILAM COUNTY TO ASSIST YOU IN PROCESSING THE CHARGE(S) AGAINST YOU.

1. THE JUDGE CANNOT DISCUSS THE MERITS OF A PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDING PRIOR TO TRIAL. THIS MEANS THE JUDGE CANNOT TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR CHARGES BEFORE THE PRE-TRIAL OR TRIAL EXCEPT TO ANSWER PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.
2. PLEAS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING OR IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE. **A TELEPHONE CALL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE.**
3. JUVENILES 16 AND UNDER MUST HAVE A PARENT CONTACT THE COURT TO SET AN APPEARANCE DATE WITH THE JUDGE.
4. IF YOU FAIL TO ENTER A PLEA TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE FILED FOR VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR. WARRANTS MAY BE ISSUED AND YOU WILL BE DENIED RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE. JUVENILES MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED.
5. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO-CONTENDRE (NO CONTEST), PLEASE INDICATE IN THE PROPER SPACE PROVIDED. CONTACT THE APPLICABLE COURT TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE(S). THESE FINES APPLY ONLY TO CASES HANDLED PRIOR TO TRIAL OR JUDGEMENT BEING ENTERED. RETURN YOUR COPY OF THE CITATION, THE PLEA FORM, AND YOUR PAYMENT. SEE PAYMENT INFORMATION BELOW.
6. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY, PLEASE INDICATE IN THE PROPER SPACE PROVIDED ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL.
7. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE
 - a. UNDER THE LAW OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REQUEST THAT ONE CHARGE BE DISMISSED BY TAKING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE. YOU WILL LOSE THAT RIGHT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A WRITTEN REQUEST TO TAKE THE COURSE ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE. ONLY ONE CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED. REQUEST IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM. YOU CANNOT REQUEST THIS TYPE OF DISMISSAL IF YOU WERE DRIVING 95 MPH OR 25 MPH OVER THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OR HOLD A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.

FINES CAN BE FOUND UP AT WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET/PAGE/MILAM.JP

OR CONTACT THE COURT IDENTIFIED ON YOUR CITATION FOR FINE INFORMATION

PAYMENT INFORMATION

1. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.
2. ONLY CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY.
3. JP1, JP2, AND JP3 ACCEPT VISA AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WITH A 5% CONVENIENCE FEE.
4. PAY ONLINE AT WWW.TRAFFICPAYMENT.COM OR CALL 1-800-444-1187.
5. CREDIT CARD AND ONLINE PAYMENTS CONSTITUTE AN AUTOMATIC NOLO CONTENDRE PLEA.

PLEA FORM

PLEASE PRINT AND MAIL TO THE JUSTICE COURT MARKED ON THE LETTER WITH A COPY OF YOUR CITATION.

NAME _____ DOB _____ AGE _____
DRIVER LICENSE # _____ STATE _____
CITATION # _____ CITATION DATE _____
OFFENSE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME/CELL PHONE _____
CHECK ONE

- 1. I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY AND WAIVE APPEARANCE FOR TRIAL.
- 2. I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDRE (NO CONTEST) AND WAIVE APPEARANCE FOR TRIAL.
- 3. I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY, WAIVE MY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL, AND REQUEST A TRIAL BY JUDGE.
- 4. I HEREBY ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY AND REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____. SIGNATURE _____

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR COURSE DISMISSAL PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 45.0511 CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE A CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT IS REQUIRED DO NOT TAKE THE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE BEFORE YOU RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THE COURT.

- 1. SUBMIT A COPY OF A VALID TEXAS DRIVER’S LICENSE, OR PERMIT.
 - a. SUBMIT A COPY OF A VALID STATE ISSUED LICENSE OR PERMIT FROM ANOTHER STATE IF THE DEFENDANT IS A MEMBER OR THE SPOUSE/DEPENDANT OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES MEMBER SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.
- 2. PROVIDE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY(LIABILITY INSURANCE).
- 3. PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COMPLETE DRIVING HISTORY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVING RECORDS.
- 4. SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT AND HAVE IT NOTARIZED.
- 5. SEND A CASHIER’S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146 (**NO PERSONAL CHECKS**).
- 6. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE/MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS COURSE MUST BE COMPLETED 90 DAYS AFTER PLEA/ REQUEST IS RECEIVED.

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I HAVE NOT TAKEN A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THIS OFFENSE FOR TICKET DISMISSAL. I AM NOT IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE UNDER ARTICLE 45.0511, CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE THAT IS NOT YET REFLECTED ON MY OFFICIAL DPS RECORD.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY X _____ SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY ON _____ 20____.

SEAL X _____ NOTARY PUBLIC