



# 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. REFER TO THE FINE SCHEDULE TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE(S) AND COSTS ACCEPTABLE TO THE COURT. THESE FINES APPLY ONLY TO CASES HANDLED PRIOR TO TRIAL OR JUDGEMENT BEING ENTERED. RETURN YOU COPY OF THE CITATION AND THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT. 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.
6. 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 YOU 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.

## SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES

1-9 MPH OVER LIMIT		\$147.00
10-14 MPH OVER LIMIT		\$157.00
15-19 MPH OVER LIMIT		\$202.00
20 MPH AND ABOVE OVER LIMIT		\$302.00
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (1ST)	(1)	\$352.00
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE		\$269.00
SAFETY BELT OFFENSE		\$152.00
CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEMS OFFENSE (1 <sup>ST</sup> )		\$127.00
REGISTRATION/VEHICLE INSPECTION OFFENSE	(2)	\$142.00
EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE	(2)	\$142.00
FAILURE TO CONTROL SPEED		\$197.00
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY		\$197.00
DISREGARD STOP SIGN OR LIGHT		\$197.00
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT		\$142.00

(1) CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED WITH EVIDENCE THAT INSURANCE WAS CURRENT AT THE DATE/TIME OF THE STOP.  
 (2) CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED UPON PROOF DEFENDANT REMEDIES DEFECTS, WITHIN 20 DAYS. PAYMENT OF LATE FEES/PENALTIES AND A \$10 DISMISSAL FEE.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED-CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY.  
JP1, JP2, AND JP3 ACCEPT VISA AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WITH A 5% CONVENIENCE FEE  
PAY ONLINE AT WWW.TRAFFICPAYMENT.COM OR CALL 1-800-444-1187.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TEST 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. SIGN THE AFFIDAVIT AND HAVE IT NOTARIZED.
- 4. SEND A CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112 ( NO PERSONAL CHECKS)
- 5. 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 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