

JUSTICE COURT OF SAN SABA COUNTY, TEXAS
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1. This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Court of San Saba County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you.

2. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON A CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW (TRANSPORTATION CODE #729.003). WARRANT FEES OF \$80.00 WILL BE ISSUED ON ALL CHARGES FOR EXECUTING OF PROCESSING WARRANT.

3. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please so indicate below in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a Nolo Contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicate that you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial.

4. Please refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of fine(s) and cost acceptable by the Court. Make your remittance by cashier's check or Money Order (CASH OR PERSONAL CHECK NOT ACCEPTABLE) payable to the Justice Court marked at the top of this letter...

RETURN YOUR COPY OF THE CITATION AND THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT.

5. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided below and mail to the Judge whose name is marked at the top of this letter no later than the appearance date shown on the citation. You shall be notified by return mail of the court date set. You have the right to either a JURY OR NON JURY trial. Please indicate your choice. JURY or NON JURY.

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have one charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course. HOWEVER, YOU WILL LOSE THAT RIGHT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COURT YOUR DESIRE TO DO SO ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION. (You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if it is a violation 25 MPH or more above the posted limit. You are ineligible if you have used this option (CCP-ARTICLRS 45.0511(b)(1) during the year proceeding the date of the citation. You are not eligible if you hold a CDL. You must have a valid Texas Drivers License, must show proof of insurance and send your written notice by certified mail with a return receipt requested.

REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court marked at the top of this letter.

Enclose your copy of the citation with your reply.

Name (Print or type as it appears on your driver's license) Current Mailing Address Zip Tele. No.

Citation No. Date of Citation Date cited to appear on or before Driver's License No.

CHECK ONE

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial.
CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE and waive appearance for trial.
CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a JURY/NON JURY TRIAL.

----- 4. I hereby request to take Driving Safety Course (CCP-ARTICLE 45.0511(b)(1). COMPLETE FORM
ON OTHER SIDE. DO NOT ENCLOSE AMOUNT OF FINE. ENCLOSE \$112.00 court fee.

This fee is only for driving safety course. If paying fine, do not include this fee. Contact Judge if violation occurs in a school zone for Defensive Driving. Juveniles 16 and under must contact Court with a parent or guardian, court cost may be different.

Date

Signature

**SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES
APPLICABLE TO AUTOMOBILES & LIGHT TRUCKS
(Including Statutory Court Cost)**

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS	FAIL TO SIGNAL -----	\$155.00
MILES PER HOUR OVER	RUNNING STOP SIGN OR SIGNAL LIGHT ----	\$155.00 -----INVOLVING ACCIDENT \$185.00
POSTED SPEED LIMIT	WRONG SIDE OF ROAD (NOT IN PASSING)-----	\$155.00
<u>UP TO 70 MPH ZONE</u>	PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE -----	\$185.00
	FAILURE TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE -----	\$155.00
1-9 \$155.00	ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, OR IMPROPER TURN ----	\$155.00 -----INVOLVING ACCIDENT \$185.00
	FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY -----	\$155.00 -----INVOLVING ACCIDENT \$185.00
10-14 \$165.00	FAILURE TO CONTROL SPEED -----	\$185.00
	UNSAFE SPEED -----	\$185.00
15 - 19 \$180.00	FAILURE TO DIM LIGHTS -----	\$155.00
	EQUIPMENT VIOLATION -----	\$155.00
20 - 25 \$215.00	NO VALID VEHICLE INSPECTION -----	\$155.00*
	NO VEHICLE REGISTRATION /EXPIRED REGISTRATION-----	\$155.00**
26 & MORE \$302.00	SEATBELT VIOLATION DRIVER OR PASSENGER -----	\$150.00
	CHILD NOT RESTRAINED BY SAFETY BELT -----	\$150.00
	PERMITTING UNLICENSED PERSON OR MINOR TO DRIVE -----	\$155.00
SPEEDING VIOLATIONS	NO DRIVER LICENSE OR DRIVER LICENSE EXPIRED -----	\$155.00*
IN A	NO LIABILITY INSURANCE -----	\$246.00***
<u>75 M.P.H ZONE</u>	FAIL TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS -----	MUST CONTACT THE JUDGE
1-9 \$165.00	OPERATE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WITH RADAR DETECTOR -----	\$200.00
10-14 \$180.00	ALL TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH	
15-19 \$215.00	WORKERS PRESENT -----	MUST CONTACT THE JUDGE
20 OR MORE \$302.00	FOR CHARGES OR FINES NOT LISTED ABOVE, CONTACT THIS COURT	

*Charges may be dismissed within 10 working days + \$20.00 court fee if this defect has not been expired over 60 days
 **Charges may be dismissed if vehicle is registered within 10 days, a penalty fee + \$20.00 dismissal fee paid, provided it has not been expired over 60 days
 ***Charges may be dismissed upon presentation of evidence that insurance was in effect on the vehicle driven at the time of arrest. YOU MUST present proof of insurance to Court before due date on citation.

DO NOT MAIL CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS- REMIT CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER
JUVENILES 16 & UNDER MUST CONTACT COURT WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN

A PARENT must accompany a MINOR under 17 years of age to COURT before a PLEA can be accepted from the Minor when charged with A TRAFFIC, ALCOHOL, SCHOOL OR TOBACCO offense.

IF A WARRANT OR CAPIAS IS ISSUED- ADDITIONAL FEES WILL BE ADDED

A written request to take a course MUST be sent to the Court by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, post marked on or before the answer date on the notice to appear. If you come in person, you MUST submit a written request to take a course and it MUST BE dated on or before the answer date on the notice to appear.

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE REQUEST FORM (D.S.C.)

FAILURE TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENT CAN RESULT IN YOU NOT BEING GRANTED A D.S.C.

I hereby plead (guilty)(no contest)to the offense, a _____, as stated on the attached citation, and waive a trial by jury. I certify that: * I have a valid Texas Driver's License.

* I have not taken a driving safety course to obtain dismissal of a ticket within one year proceeding the date of this ticket.

* I am not charged with speeding 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit.

* I do not have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL).

I have attached proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance) as required by Section 1A, Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. I understand that the Court will enter a judgement against me for a fine and cost totaling \$_____ and will defer the imposition of the judgement for 90 days to allow me to take the driving safety course and furnish proof of successful completion of a driving safety course approved under the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Act., and a copy of your Texas Drivers License Record, then the court will remove the judgement and dismiss the charge or I will be required to pay the fine and cost. I also understand that the Court may issue a capias pro fine. Stating the amount of the judgement and sentence which may result in my being arrested and brought before the Court.

DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the Defendant understand that on a plea of (guilty)(no contest), the court will enter judgement against me assessing a fine in the amount of \$_____. I also understand that I am required to present a uniform certificate of completion of the driving safety course on or before _____. I hereby give my promise to complete the course and furnish the proof as required. I understand that if I fail to furnish the required evidence of the driving safety course within the 90 day period specified, the Court will require me to appear at the time and place specified in a notice to me at the address appearing on the citation, to show cause why I have not presented evidence of completion of the driving safety course. I understand that my failure to appear at the time and place stated in that notice shall constitute and offense punishable by a fine of not more that \$200.00. If I fail to appear, in addition, the court may issue capias pro fine stating the amount of his judgement and commanding the sheriff or constable to bring me before the Court.

I further understand that I must enclose \$112.00 court cost with this request and that the fee and court cost are non-refundable even if for any reason I later do not take the driving safety course.

(Make your remittance by cashier's check or Money Order in the amount of \$112.00).

DATE _____ NAME & ADDRESS _____

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE _____

SWORN to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 2 _____.

(Must be signed by a NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS)