

TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT CONSTITUTE APPARANCE.  
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SAN SABA, TX 76877

The County of San Saba has contracted with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to report instances of Failure to Appear (FTA) or Violate Promise to Appear (VPTA) within 10 business days required by the citation and all instances of a failure to pay any class c misdemeanor judgment and sentence. You may be denied renewal of your driver's license by the DPS should you fail to appear or pay your fine by order of the court.

MUNICIPAL COURT COURTESY LETTER

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Municipal Court of San Saba to assist you in processing the charges filed against you.

1. PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial. (Cannon 3 (5), Code of Judicial Conduct).

**This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you before the trial except for procedural questions.**

2. If you fail to respond to the charges by the appearance date shown on the citation, your fine may increase, an additional charge may be filed against you for **Violate Promise to Appear** with warrants issued for your arrest. (WARRANT FEES OF \$50.00 will be issues on each charge for EXECUTING OR PROCESSING A WARRANT.)
3. 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 Section 729.001). (Juveniles **MUST** be accompanied by parent or legal guardian for ALL OFFENSES).
4. If you wish to enter a plea of NOT GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charges against you. The fine and conviction for a NOLO Contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of Guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the Court trial.

Refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side to determine the total amount of fines and costs acceptable by the Court. (These fines apply only to cases handled prior to court or judgment being entered.) RETURN A COPY OF THE CITATION AND THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT.

5. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (CCP Art. 45.0511, Driving Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Course Dismissal Procedures): (**Holders of a CDL are NOT eligible for DSC.**)
  - a. You may be able to have this charge dismissed by successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operating training course. You will lose that right if, on or before your appearance date, you do not provide the court with notice of your request to take the course.
  - b. A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IF:
    1. You submit your application for the Driving Safety Course and it is approved by the Court.
    2. You are charged with a moving traffic violation other than 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit, or a speed of 95 mph or higher, passing a school bus, construction zone violations with workers present, or certain offenses involving traffic accidents;
    3. You have not completed an approved driving safety course in the state or another state during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of your ticket.
    4. You have a valid Texas driver's license other than a Commercial Driver License and you provide the court a copy.
    5. You provide the court with proof of liability insurance that complies with state law.
    6. You pay the court costs of the ticket (130.00) in the form of a cashier's check or money order made out to Justice Court San Saba.
    7. After the court receives items requested in lines #1, #4, #5, and #6, due on or before your appearance date written on your ticket, you will be given 90 days to complete the following:
      - a. Obtain a copy of your driving record. You may do this online at [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov) with a credit card or completing the DPS form (available at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)) by following the instructions written on the form.
      - b. Complete a Driving Safety Course that is approved by the state.

Pay by Cashier's Check, Money Order or Credit/Debit Card  
 Payable to: Municipal Court San Saba NO PERSONAL CHECKS  
 To pay online or by phone call 325-372-5746

**SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES (Including Court Cost)**  
**CONTACT THE COURT IN PERSON, WRITING, OR BY PHONE FOR:**

- Charges or fines not listed
- Fines for any offense not listed
- CONSTRUCTION ZONE VIOLATIONS
- All commercial vehicle violations

**SPEEDING OVER THE LIMIT**

1 mph to 9 mph	-----200.00
10 mph to 14 mph	-----225.00
15 mph to 19 mph	-----250.00
20 mph to 25 mph	-----300.00
25 mph or over	-----322.00
School Zone	-----347.00

**OTHER VIOLATIONS**

Littering	-----300.00
Disregard Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device	-----227.00
Window Tint	-----202.00
No Driver's License	-----252.00
No Commercial Driver's License	-----269.00
Expired Driver's License	-----200.00
Permit Unlicensed Person or Minor to Drive	-----252.00
Operate Unregistered/Expired Registration	-----197.00
Equipment Violation	-----252.00
Fail to Stop of School Bus	-----FIRST OFFENSE-----750.00
No Liability Insurance	-----FIRST OFFENSE-----350.00
Seat Belt Violation	-----DRIVER-----152.00
Unrestrained Child or Safety Seat Violation	-----252.00
Alcoholic Beverage Code Violations	-----CONTACT COURT
Public Intoxication	-----567.00

\*Charges may be dismissed upon presentation of a valid Driver's License or a hunter education certificate (if applicable) to the Court, provided the license was valid at the time the Citation was issued, and is presented to the Court within 10 days from the date the Citation was issued.

\*\*Charges will be dismissed upon presentation of evidence of Liability Insurance to the Court, provided the insurance was valid at the time the Citation was issued.

**\*\*\*CONTACT THE COURT FOR POSSIBLE \$20 DIMISSAL OPTION**

Please Note: Neither the Justice Court nor the officer issuing the citation receives any portion of your fine(s). All such fines are deposited in the County Treasury

**DO NOT MAIL CASH**  
**JUVENILES 16 & UNDER MUST CONTACT COURT WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE**  
**THEIR APPEARANCE DATE**

Plea Must be made in writing or in person on or before your due date  
 Telephone Call Does Not Constitute Appearance

**REPLY FORM**

Mail to the Municipal Court

Enclose a copy of your Citation and your driver's license with you reply.

You are required to keep the court advised of your mailing address until the case is disposed.

PLEASE PRINT

Name (as it appears on your license) \_\_\_\_\_

Citation # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Citation \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete either A or B

**A. PLEA FORM**

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 is enclosed payable to Municipal Court San Saba.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE and waive appearance for trial. CASHIERS CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the amount of the fine is enclosed payable to Municipal Court San Saba.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY. A cash or surety bond twice the amount of the fine must be posted with this plea.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Signature of Defendant

**B. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE APPLICATION**

My Plea is: \_\_\_\_\_ Guilty \_\_\_\_\_ Nolo Contendere

I hereby request to take a Driving Safety Course CCP Art. 45-0511. Enclosed is a notarized request, proof of liability insurance, a copy of my driver's license, and a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$130.00, School Zone \$155.00.

**MUST BE SENT CERTIFIED MAIL.**

I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license or permit; that the alleged speed was not 25 mph above the posted limit; or a speed of 95 mph or more and that I have not completed a course under CCP Art. 45.0511 within the past 12 months and am not in the process of taking such a course; and that I have not completed a course under CCP Art. 45.0511 which is not reflected on my driving record in the state or any other state.

I understand that I will be charged court costs and a dismissal fee and that these fees are non-refundable and must be paid to the court before my charged will be dismissed.

I understand that I am not eligible for the Driving Safety Course unless I provide proof of liability insurance as required by Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act.

Signature of Defendant - Under Penalty of Perjury

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
 Acknowledged and Signed Before Me and the Notary Public of the State of Texas