

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to request that (one) charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course. However, you must provide **written** notice of your intent to the Court on or before the appearance date as shown on your citation.

YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: (moving violations only)

1. You enter a plea of guilty or no contest and pay the court costs of \$146.
2. You have not completed a course for dismissal of a citation within the past 12 months.
3. Your alleged speed was less than 95mph and/or no more than 24mph over the posted speed limit.
4. You provide a valid Texas Driver's License or Active Military ID.
5. You provide proof of insurance (You must be listed on a policy).
6. You DO NOT hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
7. You can not be cited in a Construction Zone with workers present.

Once requested, you will be mailed a packet with DSC Instructions and requirements. You have a maximum of **90 days** from your appearance date to complete the course and submit all requirements to the Court. You **do not** pay the listed fine below for the violation if you wish to take the course.

Depending on the facts of the case, it is possible that you may be granted a Deferred Disposition – Contact Court

SCHEDULE OF FINES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

(All Fine amounts below Include Court Costs)

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS (MPH alleged over the posted limit)

1 through 5	\$235.00
6 through 11	260.00
12 through 17	285.00
18 through 24	310.00
25 and up.....	335.00

OTHER VIOLATIONS

Disregard Stop Sign/Signal Light/Traffic Control Device, Unsafe Speed, Passing.....	250.00
Fail to: Yield ROW, Control Speed, Signal, Stop, Report / Follow Too Close / Cut Across.....	250.00
Fail to Slow Down or Move Over for certain stationary vehicles	650.00
Railroad Crossing Violations	335.00
Wireless Device for Electronic Messaging, Leave Refuse on HWY/Littering	235.00
Use of Equipment Not Approved (Tint), Defective Equipment	200.00
Registration/License Plates, Fail to: Report Change of Address/Name, Display DL.....	200.00
Adult Seat Belt Violations.....	185.00
Allow child under 17 yrs without Seat Belt.....	250.00
Child Safety Seat Violations<8 yrs, Open Bed of Truck	335.00
Expired Driver License, Permit Unlicensed Person to Drive, Drive>90 days out of state DL.....	215.00
Violate DL Restriction Code, DL Class/Endorsement Violations	215.00
No Driver License.....	283.00
Driving While License Invalid (DWLI), Open Container	330.00
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (Insurance 1st Offense)	330.00
School Bus Violations.....	800.00
Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Contact Court
All Alcohol or Tobacco offenses by Minor or Any Violation not listed	Contact Court
All Construction Zone with Workers Present Violation	Contact Court
Violate Promise to Appear	335.00
Warrant Fee per Violation.....	50.00

IF FINES ARE PAID BY INSTALLMENTS, AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 FEE PER CHARGE IS REQUIRED BY LAW

*If the charge(s) filed against you are for the following offense(s) you may be eligible for a dismissal.

- * Expired License Plates/Registration....if corrected within 20 working days **with penalty fee paid to DMV**, \$20.00 fee
- * Vehicle Registration (registered but not on vehicle) if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
- * Fail to Display Front/Rear License Plate or wrong/altered/obscured....if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
- * Expired Driver License or Fail to Change Name/Address on DL.....if corrected within 20 working days, \$20.00 fee
- * Fail to Display Driver License or No Driver License if DL valid at time of offense..... \$10.00 fee
- * Driver License Restrictions - (prior surgery/departement removal).....if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
- * Operate Unsafe Vehicle/Defective Equipment (does not apply to CMV)..... if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
- * No Insurance (FMFR)..... provide proof that insurance on vehicle was valid at time of offense, no fee

REMIT BY CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER or CREDIT CARD ONLINE

JUDGES OF JUSTICE COURTS OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

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*** This letter is provided as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Caldwell County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. Court cannot give legal advice.***

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to Caldwell County Treasurer Or Pay with Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express) Online at www.co.caldwell.tx.us/jp to the Judge named on ticket. (No Personal Checks or Cash accepted) Return copy of citation, this letter and your remittance to assure proper credit.

- (1) If you wish to enter a plea of **Guilty** or **Nolo Contendere**, please so indicate in the proper space provided below. A plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) 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 indicates you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial. You must refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and costs assessed against you.
- (2) If you wish to enter a plea of **Not Guilty** and desire a trial, indicate in the proper space provided below.
- (3) Juveniles 16 years of age or younger must appear in court with a parent or guardian on or before their appearance date as shown on the citation or be subject to having their license suspended as required by law.
- (4) 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 Violate Promise to Appear and warrants will be issued for your arrest and you may be Denied Renewal of your Driver's License.
- (5) **TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT constitute an appearance before the court; USE FORM BELOW.**

REPLY FORM

Check One and Complete (Please print)

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NO CONTEST and waive appearance for trial.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by Judge or Jury.
- 4. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY or NO CONTEST and request the charge be dismissed with completion of a **Driving Safety Course (DSC)**. I have read and meet all requirements on the reverse side of this form. **Fee of \$146.00 (instead of fine amount), copy of proof of insurance, copy of valid Texas driver's license and this reply form are all enclosed.**

Name _____ Signature _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ticket (THP6#) _____ Driver's License # _____

Phone # _____ Date _____

Email _____

- Fine is enclosed**
- 30 days to pay**
- Request Payment Plan (\$15 fee added)**

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