

Plea Form: Plea **Must** Be Made in Writing or in Person on or Before Your Appearance Date. A Telephone Call **DOES NOT** Constitute an Appearance in or for Court.

Name: _____ Citation # _____
(as it appears on your License/ID)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hm Ph: () - Wk Ph: () -

Cell Phone: () - D/L #: _____

Offense: _____

Date of Citation: ____/____/____

CHECK ONE:

_____ I waive my appearance for trial and enter a plea of **Guilty**.

_____ I waive my appearance for trial and enter a plea of **Nolo Contendre**.

_____ I enter a plea of **NOT Guilty** and request a court trial.

By entering a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere, I am declining to request any discovery in my case.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20 _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature if Minor is Under 18 Years of Age: _____

REQUEST FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

I hereby request to take a Driving Safety Course (Article 45.0511 C.C.P). Enclosed is my notarized request, proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance), photo copy of driver's license or current military ID, AND CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER in the amount of \$134.00 payable to City of Jarrell Municipal Court – **SCHOOL ZONE \$159.00**

• I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NO CONTEST** to the above charge and request the Court to dismiss the charge under the terms of Article 45.0511 C.C.P.

• I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license, permit or current military I.D.; that the alleged speed was not 25 mph or more above the posted limit; that I have not taken a course within the past 12 months preceding the date of the offense and am not in the process of taking such a course; and that I have not completed a course which is not reflected on my driving record.

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

• I understand that I am not eligible for the Driving Safety Course unless I provide proof of financial responsibility, (liability insurance), as required by The Transportation Code.

• I understand that I must complete and submit to the court the Defensive Driving Documentation within 90 days from the date of Judgment.

Under pain or penalty of perjury

SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

SWORN to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____,

20 _____. Must be signed by **NOTARY PUBLIC** or other person authorized

to **ADMINISTER OATHS** _____

C U T A L O N G D O T T E D L I N E A N D R E T U R N T O C O U R T W I T H P A Y M E N T

Plea Information:

***Nolo Contendere or No Contest** - A plea of no contest means that you do not contest the State's charge against you. You will almost certainly be found guilty unless you are eligible and successfully complete a driving safety course and/or court ordered deferral. A plea of no contest cannot be used against you in a subsequent civil suit for damages.

***Plea of Guilty** - A plea of guilty means that you admit to the act which is prohibited by law and that you have no defense or excuse. A plea of guilty may be used against you later in a civil suit if the citation was issued as part of a traffic accident (ex. = another party can say you were at fault or responsible for the accident because you pleaded guilty to the traffic charge).

Plea of Not Guilty - A plea of not guilty means that you deny guilt and that the State must prove the charge that is filed against you. If you plead not guilty, you need to decide if you will hire an attorney to represent you or if you will represent yourself.

***By entering a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendre, you are declining to request any discovery in your case.**

Please Note:

No one connected with this citation, nor the officer issuing the citation, receives any portion of fines that are paid. All fines are deposited in the City of Jarrell General Fund Account.

****IF YOU ARE CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE INVOLVING VIOLENCE WHERE YOU ARE OR WERE A SPOUSE, INTIMATE PARTNER, PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE VICTIM OR ARE OR WERE INVOLVED IN ANOTHER, SIMILAR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VICTIM, IT MAY BE UNLAWFUL FOR YOU TO POSSESS OR PURCHASE A FIREARM, INCLUDING A HANDGUN OR LONG GUN, OR AMMUNITION, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW UNDER 18 U.S.C. SECTION 922(G)(9) OR SECTION 46.04(B), TEXAS PENAL CODE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHETHER THESE LAWS MAKE IT ILLEGAL FOR YOU TO POSSESS OR PURCHASE A FIREARM, YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY. ****



Jarrell Municipal Court

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Judge Scott Matthew Presiding

COURT HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

CLOSED NOON TO 1 P.M.

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

*Please allow seven business days for your citation to be filed. You **MUST** contact the court on or before the appearance date listed on your citation. Failure to do so may result in a warrant being issued for your arrest.*

When Appearing for Court:

All Persons are Subject to a Search

Weapons are Prohibited by Law

Appropriate Dress Required

No Audible Devices

No Food or Drinks are Allowed

If you are assessed fines and court costs as a result of this citation, and you are unable to pay, please bring this to the attention of the Judge. For more information, contact the court or an attorney.

This form is furnished as a courtesy to you by the City of Jarrell, Texas, Municipal Court, to assist you in processing the charge(s) against you.

1. PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 6(c)(2) Code of Judicial Conduct). This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation/ticket with you before the trial.

2. If you FAIL TO RESPOND to the charge(s) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, an additional charge may be filed against you for Violate Promise to Appear/Failure to Appear and warrants may be issued for your arrest. (WARRANT FEES OF \$50.00 will be issued on each charge for EXECUTING OR PROCESSING A WARRANT)

3. A MINOR under the age of 18 who fails to appear by the time and date on the citation may have their license suspended as required by law (Transportation Code – Sec. 521.294 (6)). (NOTE: A parent or guardian must appear along with the minor). A plea of nolo contendere (no contest) means that you are not contesting the charge against you; however, a plea of nolo contendere generally cannot be used against you in a civil suit for damages. Results in a conviction on your record and balance due. Payment of citation balance constitutes an automatic Plea of No Contest if no plea is entered by mail or in person.

4. If you wish to ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDRE (“No Contest”), please indicate 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 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 for trial.

By entering a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendre, you are declining to request any discovery in your case.

Refer to the schedules shown to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court. *(These fines apply only to cases handled prior to court trial or Judgment being entered.)* RETURN YOUR COPY OF THE CITATION AND THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT.

5. If you wish to enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and desire a trial, advise the court by checking #3 or #4 on the Reply Form on or before the appearance date. You will be notified by the court when to appear for trial and specific requirements of the court concerning bail requirements, etc.

MINORS younger than 18 years of age must contact court with parent or guardian before their appearance date.

NO CHECKS ACCEPTED

DO NOT MAIL CASH • REMIT BY CASHIER’S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY PAYABLE TO:

City of Jarrell Municipal Court

There is a night drop-box located at the front of the building.

6. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE AS A CONDITION OF DEFERRED DISPOSITION

CDL operators are not eligible for Deferred Disposition or a Driving Safety Course.

A) Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that this (one) charge be dismissed by successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. HOWEVER, you may lose that right if you do not provide written notice and a plea of guilty or Nolo Contendere to the Court on or before the appearance date of your desire to do so (as shown on your citation). Art. 45.0511(r)

B) A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IF:

1. Operators that possess a CDL license ARE NOT eligible for a Deferred Disposition / Driving Safety Course;
2. The alleged speed is not 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit; or a speed greater than 94 mph.
3. The offense was not committed in a commercial vehicle;
4. Offense was passing a school bus;
5. You have not used this option during the 12 months preceding the offense date and you are not in the process of using this option for another offense;
6. You have a valid Texas Driver’s License, permit, or current military I.D.;
7. You provide the court with proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance) that complies with state law;
8. You provide the court with a certified copy of your driving record from DPS by your 90-day due date;
9. The offense was not committed in a construction or maintenance/work zone when workers were present;
10. You pay the court cost of \$134.00 at the time of request (IN A SCHOOL ZONE \$159.00)

Fines Applicable to Automobiles & Light Trucks

Speeding – Applies To all Mph Zones	
1 - 10 Mph Over	\$259.00
11 – 15	\$284.00
16 – 20	\$309.00
21 & Over	\$334.00
Speeding In School or Construction Zone (1-10)	\$334.00
Speeding in School or Construction Zone (11-20)	\$509.00
Fail To Change Address	\$171.00
Expired Vehicle Registration *	\$191.00
Expired Driver’s License *	\$191.00
Drove Wrong way on One-Way Roadway	\$309.00
Defective Equipment, E.G. Headlight, Etc.	\$196.00
Fail To Signal Lane Change	\$284.00
Fail To Yield Right of Way	\$284.00
Fail to Stop at Stop Sign	\$259.00
No Parking by City Ordinance 2007-007	\$95.00
No Driver’s License/Fail To Display	\$281.00
Driving While License Invalid	\$281.00
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility/No Insurance**	\$279.00
No Commercial Driver’s License	\$341.00
Texting while driving	\$230.00
Cell Phone Use in School Zone	\$234.00
Child not secured in safety seat (under 8 yrs.)	\$284.00
Driving without a Seatbelt (driver/passenger)	\$284.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$271.00
Violation of Promise to Appear	\$276.00
Open Container (Driver/Passenger)	\$256.00

(*) Charges may be dismissed if defendant remedies this defect, including payment of all late registration fees, within 10 working days. A fee of \$10.00 or \$20.00 must accompany proof. Applies to expired inspection if certificate had not been expired for **more than 60 days**.

(**) Charges shall be dismissed upon verification of evidence that insurance was in effect on the vehicle driven on the date of the arrest.

NOTE: False statement to a registration clerk is a felony offense.

Time Payment fee (Local Government Code Sec. 133.103) Municipal court shall collect a fee of \$15.00 from a person who has been convicted, pays any part of a fine, court costs or restitution on or after the 31st day after the date Judgment is entered.