

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

\*\*\*TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT. Call the number listed above ONLY if you have a question concerning procedure. (The date by which you must enter a plea is written at the bottom of your ticket.)

## JUDGES of the JUSTICE COURTS of Gillespie County, Texas

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### RESPONDING TO A TRAFFIC TICKET

**If you do not want to appear in court:** You can mail or bring to the court this plea form and the amount of the fine shown below, ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE.

**If you want to plead NOT GUILTY and request a trial:** Return this form with your plea to the appropriate Justice Court NO LATER THAN YOUR APPEARANCE DATE shown on your citation. You will be notified by mail of the date for trial.

**If you want to take a Driving Safety Course:** Complete this form on the reverse side indicating your request, which must be delivered or post marked ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE shown on your citation to be eligible for dismissal.

**Failure to appear on Court Date:** IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THIS CHARGE BY THE APPEARANCE DATE shown on your citation, the court may charge you with an additional offense for "Violation of Promise to Appear", issue a warrant for your arrest, and suspend renewal of your driver's license.

\*\*\*\*\*A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this state may result in the assessment on your driver's license of a SURCHARGE.\*\*\*\*\*

### Schedule of Acceptable Fines

Speeding:	(Violation in a Construction Zone While Workers are Present are double the fine amount-Additional \$25. For School Zone Violation)		
1 – 10 mph over speed limit	\$165.00	16 – 20 mph over speed limit	\$205.00
11 – 15 mph over speed limit	\$180.00	21 – 24 mph over speed limit	\$250.00
25 -- 27 mph over speed limit	\$270.00	28 mph or more over the limit	\$300.00
Violate Promise to Appear or Failure to Appear			\$250.00
Fail to Stop for School Bus			\$625.10
Expired Vehicle Registration, Inspection, Renewal of Driver's License, Fail to Change Address*			\$145.00
*Charges <b>may</b> be dismissed if remedied within 20 working days -with dismissal fee- contact court regarding details.			
Illegal, Unsafe or Improper Turn, Fail to Yield Right of Way/Stop			\$165.00
Not Secure by Safety Belt (Adult Driver or Adult Passenger)			\$145.00
Child Not Secured in Child Safety Seat System/Seat Belt			\$123.00
Driving While License Invalid, No Driver's License**			\$250.00
Pass in No Passing Zone, When Unsafe, Drive in Left Lane when not Passing			\$165.00
Fail to Control Speed or Unsafe Speed			\$165.00
No Liability Insurance or Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (1 <sup>st</sup> Offense) **			\$300.00
** Charges <b>may</b> be dismissed upon presentation to the court of a valid driver's license or proof of liability insurance at the time of offense. ALL INSURANCE WILL BE VERIFIED.			
Public Intoxication			\$200.00
Open Container (alcoholic beverage) in motor vehicle			\$160.00

For any charges or fines not listed above, contact the appropriate court.

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**Juveniles 16 years of age and under will be contacted by the court to appear with their parent or legal guardian on or before their appearance date.**

**REPLY FORM**

Name as it appears on Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plea (Check One):**

- I hereby enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest), waive appearance and jury trial and promise to pay in 30 days.
- I hereby enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest), waive appearance and jury trial and request a payment plan. (A \$25.00 fee will be added for each case.)
- I hereby enter a plea of \_\_\_Nolo Contendere (No Contest) or \_\_\_Guilty and waive appearance for judge or jury trial. My money order or cashier's check is enclosed, **payable to J.P. Court, Pct. # \_\_\_\_\_.**
- I hereby request a trial by (circle one) *Judge* or *Jury* and enter a plea of NOT GUILTY.
- I hereby enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest), request to take a Driving Safety Course, and enclose the following with this form:
  1. My current proof of insurance **AND**
  2. My money order, cashier's check or credit card receipt for \$110.00 court costs (\$135.00 for school zone violations), **payable to J.P. Court, Pct. # \_\_\_\_\_.**

Holders of a commercial driver's license are not eligible for Driver's Safety Course. \_\_\_\_\_

(X) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:** (requires a fee) Phone: 1-800-272-9829 OR Internet: [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com)

1. Select: "All Other Payments" or "Local Payments"
2. Jurisdiction Code: (Pct.1) 6593; (Pct.2) 6594
3. Enter DL# under "Citation No."

**Qualifications for the Driver's Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Training Course:**

1. You must have a valid, non-commercial Texas Driver's License at time of citation.
2. You are not in the process of taking a course for dismissal of another citation, and have not completed a course for another citation in the past twelve months.
3. You have current liability insurance.
4. The offense for which you are charged is not for speeding 95 MPH or more, or more than 24 MPH over the posted speed limit, or speeding in a construction zone with workers present, or passing a school bus.

Send this form to the Court **BY THE APPEARANCE DATE** shown on your citation to be eligible for dismissal. Upon receipt of your request, insurance and court costs, the Court will send a letter confirming and give you 90 days to complete the course and return all the required documents to the Court.

If all requirements are not completed timely, the case will be reported as a conviction to the Texas Department of Public Safety and the balance of the fine will be due.