

JUDGES OF JUSTICE COURTS OF LEON COUNTY, TEXAS

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This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Leon County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. Children and Minors: If you are younger than 17 years of age, the law requires that you appear in court with one or both of your parents or a guardian having legal custody.

(1) IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please indicate in the proper space provided below. 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 indicates you agree to wave appearance before the Court for trial. You must refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side of this letter (maybe attached) to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and costs assessed against you. Make your remittance by **Cashier's Check or Money Order (PERSONAL CHECK NOT ACCEPTED)** to the Justice Court on your citation to assure proper credit.

(2) IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided below.

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND WARRANTS MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. THE ISSUANCE OF ARREST WARRANTS WILL MAKE YOU SUBJECT TO ENTRY INTO THE WANTED PERSONS FILE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00 STATE WARRANT FEE PER WARRANT. FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT OR FAILURE TO PAY OR SATISFY A JUDGMENT ORDERING THE PAYMENT OF A FINE AND COSTS IN THE MANNER ORDERED BY THE COURT MAY ALSO RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER LICENSE AND/OR THE CHARGE TURNED OVER TO COLLECTIONS RESULTING IN FURTHER EXPENSE.

Offenses relating to expired registration, inspection, driver license and vehicle equipment may be dismissed upon proof of renewal and/or remedying the defect according to law along with a payment of an administrative fee, call the Court for assistance.

ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINES AND COSTS: A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment against them if they are unable to pay the fine or costs, in whole or in part. Those alternative methods include:

- 1) A payment plan, allowing the defendant to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals. Note that if any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs then a \$25 time payment fee must be assessed.
- 2) Disposition of the amount assessed by performing community service. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for community service, see Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for full details. A defendant is entitled to a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of community service performed.
- 3) If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay is entitled to a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.

WARNING: A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this state or a political subdivision of this state may result in the assessment on your driver's license of a surcharge under the Driver Responsibility Program.

Thank You,
Justice Court Precincts, Leon County, Texas

REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court that appears on your citation.

Person Receiving Citation: _____
Check one and sign below.

_____ I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and wave appearance for trial. **CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER** in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.

_____ 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.

_____ I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY. ____ A. Trial by Judge ____ B. Trial by Jury

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____, _____
Signature of Defendant

Notary Public _____

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