

HARLINGEN MUNICIPAL COURT

*****CAREFULLY READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS LETTER BEFORE YOU CONTACT THE COURT*****
*****JUVENILE DEFENDANTS ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN OPEN COURT WITH THEIR*****
*****PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN*****

JUDGE ALBERT GARCIA

P. O. Box 3562, 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550
(956) 427-8757 Internet Address - www.ci.harlingen.tx.us
Court Session - Monday & Thursday 4:00 P.M., Tuesday 8:00 A.M.
Court Clerk Office Hours - Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FINES MAY BE MAILED BY PERSONAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, NO CASH.
PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED IN COURT - NO SHORTS, NO TANK TOPS, NO OFFENSIVE MESSAGES OR
LANGUAGE ON CLOTHING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COURT ROOM.

THIS COURTESY LETTER IS FURNISHED TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGE(S)
FILED AGAINST YOU.

If you wish to plead NOT GUILTY and have a trial, mark and sign in the proper spaces on the reply form below and mail the reply form to the court. **The reply form must reach the court ON OR BEFORE the appearance date of the citation.** If you wish to request a jury trial, you may represent yourself or hire an attorney.

If you want to plead GUILTY OR NO CONTEST, mark and sign in the proper space below. A plea of NO CONTEST means that you do not contest the state's charges against you. A plea of GUILTY OR NO CONTEST indicates your agreement to waive a trial before the court. Payment of the fine constitutes a written waiver of a jury trial. Insure proper credit by RETURNING A COPY OF YOUR CITATION(S) and the COMPLETED REPLY FORM BELOW.

Refer to the schedule on the back of this letter to determine amount of fine(s)

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE, THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF "VIOLATION OF PROMISE TO APPEAR" WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU AND A WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Your moving violation may be dismissed by taking a Driving Safety Course (D.S.C.). However, you will lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court on or before your appearance date. Valid insurance and Texas driver license or permit is required by State Law. FAILURE TO RESPOND BY THE APPEARANCE DATE WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF THE D.S.C. PRIVILEGE. INCLUDE WITH YOUR REQUEST A MONEY ORDER OR PERSONAL CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95.00 FOR THE COURT COST AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

Refer to the back of this letter for more information about the driving safety course requirements.

*****REPLY FORM - Fill in, sign and MAIL TO COURT*****

1. ☐ I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial. My correct address is listed below.
☐ I am requesting a jury trial.
☐ I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the court (judge).
☐ I will require a _____ (Spanish, Sign, Other) translator.
(language needed)
2. ☐ I enter a plea of GUILTY/NO CONTEST and waive appearance for trial.
My money order or personal check is enclosed along with a copy of my citation.
3. ☐ I request time to complete a Driving Safety Course. Pursuant to the Court Order, I enter a plea of NO CONTEST or GUILTY as required by law. A copy of my current auto liability insurance and Texas driver license is enclosed along with my payment of \$95.00.

Current Address _____

Date _____ Signature _____

TICKET NO. _____ PLEASE SEND YOUR TICKET WITH YOUR REPLY.

*****FINES & COURT COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE*****

****Fine Reference Chart****

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****FINES AND COURT COSTS ARE DUE AT TIME OF JUDGMENT****

SPEEDING: \$149.00 FOR THE FIRST 10 MILES: \$3.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MILE

TRAFFIC OFFENSES:

RED LIGHT	\$140.00	DRIVING WRONG WAY ON ONE WAY	\$150.00
STOP SIGN	\$140.00	FAIL TO CONTROL SPEED	\$150.00
IMPROPER TURN	\$140.00	IMPROPER CHANGE OF LANES	\$150.00
FAIL TO YIELD R.O.W.	\$140.00	PERMIT UNLICENSED PERSON TO DRIVE	\$150.00
F.T.Y.R.O.W. PEDESTRIAN	\$140.00	FAIL TO YIELD R.O.W. TO EMERGENCY VEH	\$175.00
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	\$140.00	OTHER MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	\$127.00

FINES DOUBLE WHEN OFFENSE IS COMMITTED IN A WORK ZONE WHILE WORKERS ARE PRESENT. ADD \$25.00 WHEN COMMITTED IN A SCHOOL ZONE.

IMPROPER REGISTRATION	\$150.00	NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE INSP.	\$150.00
INSURANCE OFFENSE:		FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 287.00
		SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES	\$ 455.00

SEAT BELT OFFENSE:		DRIVER/PASSENGER	\$ 135.00
		CHILD UNDER 4 YEARS SAFETY SEAT	\$ 200.00
		CHILD UNDER 17 YEARS	\$ 200.00

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HANDICAP PARKING:		FIRST OFFENSE	\$ 335.00
		SECOND OFFENSE	\$ 385.00

IMPROPER PARKING:	\$ 127.00	UNATTENDED VEHICLE	\$ 127.00
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CONTACT COURT FOR FINES ON ALL OTHER OFFENSES AND FOR SERIOUS TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

****DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (DSC)****

A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

1. You are charged with a moving traffic violation other than (a) speeding 25 miles or more over the limit, (b) reckless driving or other serious traffic offenses, (c) fail to give information at accident scene, or leaving the scene of an accident, (d) passing a school bus, and (e) an offense committed in a construction work zone while workers are present.
2. You have not used this option during the 12 months preceding the ticket issued date and you are not in the process of using this option for another offense.
3. You provide written notice of your intent to the Court on or before the appearance date as shown on your citation.
4. You provide the Court with proof of your valid Texas Driver's License.
5. You provide the Court with proof of financial responsibility (insurance) that complies with state law.
6. You provide the Court with a copy of your driving record. (Application for Driving Record provided by Court)
7. You pay the court costs and administrative fee (\$95.00) on or before the appearance date on your citation.

IF REQUESTING D.S.C., READ AND SIGN BELOW, COMPLETE THE REPLY FORM AND RETURN TO THE COURT WITH YOUR PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (INSURANCE) AND YOUR FEE ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE AS SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION.

I hereby request to take a Driving Safety Course (D.S.C.) and enter a plea of ____ guilty
OR ____ no contest to the charge of _____

and request the Court to dismiss the charge as provided by law. I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license or permit, that the alleged speed was not 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit; that I have not taken DSC in the 12 months preceding the ticket issue date for a moving violation, nor am I currently in the process of taking such course. 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 on or before the appearance date of my citation. I further understand that I must provide proof of financial responsibility (insurance) and a copy of my driving record. I understand that the DSC must be completed within 90 days.

Under the penalty of perjury _____ // _____
Signature of Defendant Name Printed

TICKET NO. _____ PLEASE SEND YOUR TICKET WITH YOUR REPLY.