

JUSTICE COURT COURTESY LETTER

JUDGE DIANNE SAMANIEGO

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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**YOUR APPEARANCE DATE IS THE DATE YOU MUST ANSWER THE COURT IN WRITING -
EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL.**

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by Judge Dianne Samaniego to assist you in processing the charges filed against you.

- 1. READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER BEFORE CALLING THE OFFICE.**
- 2. PLEASE NOTE:** The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial. This means that the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you before the trial, this includes correspondence via mail and phone.
- 3. Failure to respond** to the charge(s) by the appearance date on the citation will result in the fine amount being raised and may result in an additional charge of **VIOLATE PROMISE/FAILURE TO APPEAR**, and a warrant may be issued for your arrest. The Failure to Appear will be entered into a Statewide Computer and may prevent a renewal of your drivers license for Texas Drivers. For Out of State Drivers, failure to comply with the terms of the citation will result in the issuance of a Nonresident Violator Compact and your drivers license will be suspended.
- A **JUVENILE** who fails to appear by the time and date on a citation may have their license suspended as required by law. Juveniles **MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGE. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPEARANCE TIME.** A Juvenile must also be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Juveniles who fail to appear or who fail to pay their fine will be reported to the Department of Public Safety and their driver's license will be suspended. If they do not have a driver's license, they will not be able to obtain one until they have disposed their case. **Contact the Court to schedule an appearance time.**
- If you wish to enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NOLO CONTENDERE**, please indicate on reverse of this form. 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 that you agree to waiver appearance before the Court for trial.
- After entering a Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere, you may request to take a Driver's Safety Course or a Deferral. For Deferral information, please contact the Court. Payment Plan information can be found on our website.
- If you wish to enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, please indicate below in the proper space provided. If you plead not guilty, you will be required to appear in court. You will be notified by mail for the next available Docket. This plea must be in writing. You must also submit a current address to the Court.

VIOLATIONS FINE SCHEDULE (INCLUDES COURT COST)

This is a pre-set acceptable fine amount set by the Court and is subject to change.

If Your Violation is Not Listed or it is **PAST YOUR APPEARANCE DATE**, Please Contact the Court

SPEEDING		after appear date
1 - 10 mph over	\$175.00*	\$300.00
11 - 19 mph over	\$200.00*	\$300.00
20 - 24 mph over	\$225.00*	\$300.00
25+ mph over	\$298.00	\$300.00

MOVING VIOLATIONS		after appear date
Disregard/Run Stop Sign	\$175.00*	\$300.00
Fail to Control Speed	\$175.00*	\$300.00
Fail to Stop - School Bus	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Disregard Warning Sign	\$200.00	\$300.00

CONSTRUCTION ZONE WORKERS PRESENT
per law - **DOUBLE FINE** - Contact Court

EQUIP - INSPECT - REG VIOLATIONS	
Defective Brakes	\$175.00
Defective Equipment	\$175.00
Expired/No Inspection	\$175.00
Only One License Plate	\$175.00
Window Tint Violation	\$175.00

CONSTRUCTION ZONE WORKERS PRESENT per law - DOUBLE FINE

SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS

No seat belt under 8	\$200.00*
No seat belt 8-16	\$175.00*
No seatbelt 15+/Driver	\$150.00*

CDL VIOLATIONS

Not Eligible for Driving Safety
Contact the Court

DRIVERS LICENSE VIOLATIONS

Fail to Report Change	\$175.00	\$300.00
Restriction Violation	\$175.00	\$300.00
Driv. w/Lic.Invalid	\$250.00	\$500.00
No/Expired License	\$200.00	\$300.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE VIOLATIONS

No Proof of Liability Insurance \$375.00/\$500.00

*may be eligible for Driver's Safety Course

SOME VIOLATIONS MAY BE DISMISSED WITH
PROPER PROOF - NOTIFY THE COURT FOR
ASSISTANCE.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT ACCEPTS PAYMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY
PAYABLE TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PO BOX 539
CLAUDE TEXAS 79019

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD
armstrongjp.govtportal.com
1-866-866-9940 Citation located by DL #
Citation # will start with TX Or a series of 7 numbers XX (SPACE) XXXXX

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. Effective date: 9-1-05

PLEA FORM

Mail to the Justice Court
PRINT Clearly

Name (as appears on drivers license) DL State/#

Current Address City, State, Zip

Date of Citation/Citation No Phone #

Payment of Fine

_____ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY /NOLO CONTENDRE** (*circle one*) and waive appearance at trial. Cashier’s Check or Money Order in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.

Defendant Signature Date

Payment options:
CASHIER'S CHECK/MONEY ORDER CREDIT/DEBIT (PAYMENTS ONLY)
PAYABLE TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CALL 866-866-9940
PO BOX 539 WILL NEED DL #
CLAUDE TEXAS 79019 ONLINE: armstrongjp.govtportal.com
NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED WILL NEED CITATION #

Payments made via Govt Portal will constitute a plea of Nolo Contendre and does not require this form to be mailed to Court. Enclose your copy of the citation with your remittance. For a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Plea of Not Guilty

The undersigned enters a plea of “not guilty.” My case will set on the court’s docket. I will be notified by the court of the scheduled date for my case.

_____ I enter a plea of “not guilty” and insist on a jury trial.

_____ I enter a plea of “not guilty” and waive a jury trial.

Defendant Signature Date

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE
PLEA AND REQUEST**

I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY/NOLO CONTENDERE to the offense and request permission to take DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE.

Initial Each Line (if unable to initial each line, you are NOT eligible for DSC)

_____ This request must be received in the Justice Court on or before the appearance date on my citation.

_____ I am a Texas Driver with Valid License at time of Citation

_____ My Texas Drivers License is not a Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

_____ If my citation was for Speeding, my speed was not more than 24mph over

_____ If my citation was for Speeding, my speed was not more than 94mph

_____ I have NOT taken a driving safety course within the last 12 month period for the purpose of having a traffic citation dismissed. It must be a complete 12 months.

_____ I am NOT in the process of taking a Driving Safety Course for another ticket in another Court.

I understand the following:

_____ I have 90 days from the appearance date on the citation to complete the Defensive Driving Course and to present a uniform certificate of course completion to the court - Court Copy.

_____ I have 90 days from the appearance date on the citation for the Court to receive a copy of my driving record (this request form will be mailed to me by the Court in my SASE).

_____ if I fail to comply with any of these conditions on or before 90 days from appearance date, I will be required to pay the fine

I am furnishing the Court with (MAIL THESE ITEMS)

_____ A copy of proof of Liability Insurance

_____ A self-addressed stamped envelope

_____ Money Order or Cashier’s Check ONLY in the amount of \$110.00.

(INSTEAD OF THE CITATION AMOUNT)

(Cashier’s Check or Money Orders ONLY)

_____ PLEA & REQUEST - (This form-fill out top portion of Plea Form - Left)

Defendant Signature Date