

JUDGES OF JUSTICE COURTS OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

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\* This letter is provided as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Caldwell County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. Court cannot give legal advice.\*

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to Caldwell County Treasurer Or Pay with Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express) Online at [www.co.caldwell.tx.us/jp](http://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/jp) to the Judge named on ticket. (No Personal Checks or Cash accepted) Return copy of citation, this letter and your remittance to assure proper credit.

- If you wish to enter a plea of **Guilty** or **Nolo Contendere**, please so indicate in the proper space provided below. A plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) 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 waive appearance before the court for trial. You must refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and costs assessed against you.
- If you wish to enter a plea of **Not Guilty** and desire a trial, indicate in the proper space provided below.
- Juveniles 16 years of age or younger must appear in court with a parent or guardian on or before their appearance date as shown on the citation or be subject to having their license suspended as required by law.
- If you fail to respond to the charge(s) by the appearance date shown on the citation, an additional charge will be filed against you for Violate Promise to Appear and warrants will be issued for your arrest and you may be Denied Renewal of your Driver's License.
- TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT constitute an appearance before the court; USE FORM BELOW.**

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**REPLY FORM**

Check One and Complete (Please print)

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NO CONTEST and waive appearance for trial.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by  Judge or  Jury.
- 4. I hereby enter a plea of  GUILTY or  NO CONTEST and request the charge be dismissed with completion of a **Driving Safety Course (DSC)**. I have read and meet all requirements on the reverse side of this form. **Fee of \$146.00 (instead of fine amount), copy of proof of insurance, copy of valid Texas driver's license and this reply form are all enclosed.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket (THP6#) \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Fine is enclosed**
- 30 days to pay**
- Request Payment Plan (\$15 fee added)**

**REMIT BY CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER or CREDIT CARD ONLINE**

**DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE**

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to request that (one) charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course. However, you must provide **written** notice of your intent to the Court on or before the appearance date as shown on your citation.

**YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:** (moving violations only)

- You enter a plea of guilty or no contest and pay the court costs of \$146.
- You have not completed a course for dismissal of a citation within the past 12 months.
- Your alleged speed was less than 95mph and/or no more than 24mph over the posted speed limit.
- You provide a valid Texas Driver's License or Active Military ID.
- You provide proof of insurance (You must be listed on a policy).
- You DO NOT hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- You can not be cited in a Construction Zone with workers present.

Once requested, you will be mailed a packet with DSC Instructions and requirements. You have a maximum of 90 from your appearance date to complete the course and submit all requirements to the Court. You do not pay the listed fine below for the violation if you wish to take the course.

**For Child Seat belt Offenses only, you may be granted a Seat belt Safety Course - Contact Court**

**SCHEDULE OF FINES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020**

(All Fine amounts below Include Court Costs)

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS (MPH alleged over the posted limit)

1 through 5 .....	\$235.00
6 through 11 .....	260.00
12 through 17 .....	285.00
18 through 24 .....	310.00
25 and up .....	335.00

**OTHER VIOLATIONS**

Disregard Stop Sign/Signal Light/Traffic Control Device, Unsafe Speed, Passing.....	250.00
Fail to: Yield ROW, Control Speed, Signal, Stop, Report / Follow to Close / Cut Across.....	250.00
Fail to Slow or Move over for certain stationary vehicles, Railroad Crossing Violation.....	335.00
Wireless Device for Electronic Messaging, Leave Refuse on HWY/Littering .....	235.00
Use of Equipment Not Approved (Tint), Defective Equipment .....	200.00
Registration/License Plates, Fail to: Report Change of Address/Name, Display DL.....	200.00
Adult Seat Belt Violations.....	200.00
Allow child under 17 yrs without Seat Belt.....	250.00
Child Safety Seat Violations<8 yrs, Open Bed of Truck .....	335.00
Expired Driver License, Permit Unlicensed Person to Drive, Drive>90 days out of state DL.....	215.00
Violate DL Restriction Code, DL Class/Endorsement Violations .....	215.00
No Driver License.....	283.00
Driving While License Invalid (DWLI), Open Container.....	330.00
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (Insurance 1st Offense) .....	330.00
School Bus Violations.....	800.00
Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia .....	Contact Court
All Alcohol or Tobacco offenses by Minor or Any Violation not listed .....	Contact Court
All Construction Zone with Workers Present Violation .....	Contact Court
Violate Promise to Appear .....	335.00
Warrant Fee per Violation .....	50.00

**IF FINES ARE PAID BY INSTALLMENTS, AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00 FEE PER CHARGE IS REQUIRED BY LAW**

- \*If the charge(s) filed against you are for the following offense(s) you may be eligible for a dismissal.
- \* Expired License Plates/Registration.... if corrected within 20 working days **with penalty fee paid to DMV**, \$20.00 fee
  - \* Vehicle Registration (registered but not on vehicle)..... if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
  - \* Fail to Display Front/Rear License Plate or wrong/altered/obscured....if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
  - \* Expired Driver License or Fail to Change Name/Address on DL.....if corrected within 20 working days, \$20.00 fee
  - \* Fail to Display Driver License or No Driver License if DL valid at time of offense..... \$10.00 fee
  - \* Driver License Restrictions - (prior surgery/departement removal).....if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
  - \* Operate Unsafe Vehicle/Defective Equipment (does not apply to CMV).....if corrected by appearance date, \$10.00 fee
  - \* No Insurance (FMFR)..... provide proof that insurance on vehicle was valid at time of offense, no fee

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