

JUSTICE COURTS OF REFUGIO COUNTY

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\*\*\* PLEASE USE THIS FORM OR THE WEBSITE \*\*\*

OUR WEBSITE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED  
YOU MAY PAY YOUR CITATION ONLINE OR SEARCH FOR THE AMOUNT, OUR ADDRESS, DEFENSIVE SAFETY COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. **PLEASE NOTE: A Telephone Call Is Not An Appearance; An Appearance In Court Is Only By Certified Mail, In Person Or By Your Attorney. The Judge Cannot Discuss The Merits Of A Pending Judicial Proceeding Prior To Trial (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct).**

\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\*

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR. THE COURT MAY ALSO DENY RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. JUVENILES: If you are sixteen (16) years of age or under the "fine schedule" listed does NOT apply to you. You MUST appear with your PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN or ATTORNEY A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON YOUR CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

**HOW TO APPEAR:**

**Mark and sign your plea on this form. Mail to the address of the Judge named on your citation or bring it in person to the Refugio Justice Court. Payments are to be made by Cashier's Check or Money Orders payable to the JUDGE.**

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF **Guilty** or **Nolo Contendere** (you do not contest the charges) please so indicate in the proper space provided. The fine for nolo contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial. **A PLEA MUST BE ENTERED WITH PAYMENT.**

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF **"NOT GUILTY"** and desire a trial, please so indicate in the proper space provided. If you enter a plea of **"NOT GUILTY"** you **MUST** make appearance before the Court. **You must return this letter, and a copy of your citation not later than the APPEARANCE date shown on the citation.** You shall be notified by return mail of the court date set for your hearing. You have the right to a trial by jury, if you so request.

**Driving Safety Course:** Under the laws of the State of Texas you may be able to have this (one) charge dismissed by taking a driver safety course. **However, you will lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court of your desire to do so on or before your appearance date (as shown on your citation). If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, read and complete the request form on the reverse side and return it to the Court with the required fee and proof of insurance on or before your appearance date. You will have 90 days from the date of request to provide the Court with the required documentation showing successful completion of an approved Driving Safety Course**

Thank you,  
The Justice Courts of Refugio County , Texas

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

REPLY FORM

MAIL TO THE COURT INDICATED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LETTER. ENCLOSE YOUR COPY OF THE CITATION WITH YOUR REPLY. ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IF YOU NEED A RECEIPT

- 1. \_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance at trial. **A cashier's check or money order in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.**
- 2. \_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive appearance for trial. **a cashier's check or money order in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.**
- 3. \_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a (jury or non-jury trial). **CIRCLE ONE**  
I (WILL or WILL NOT) be represented by counsel.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Citation #: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach here and mail with fine or not guilty plea to the court indicated on the reverse  
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REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

FAILURE TO REMIT THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR THE COURSE

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

4. \_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of (NOLO CONTENDERE) or (GUILTY) and this is my written request to take the "DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE" **MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COURT PRIOR TO TAKING**. DSC VIA INTERNET ACCEPTED **READ CAREFULLY BELOW**

Exceeding the posted speed limit by 25 mph, pass/overtake school bus, in construction zone w/workers present, involved in an accident (this ticket) or you are a CDL license holder you are **NOT** eligible for Driving Safety Course

- A. Enclose a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$110.00 in the form of a **CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**
- B. My Texas driver's license number is \_\_\_\_\_ (MUST BE INCLUDED) or proof of active duty military service if I possess a non-Texas driver's license. ( a Photocopy is acceptable - **NO ORIGINALS PLEASE !!!**)
- C. I hereby enclose proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance). **MUST BE INCLUDED**
- D. I affirm that I have not taken a Driver's Safety Course in the previous 12 month period and I am not currently enrolled in one
- E. I will submit proof of completion of a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety within 90 days from my request date
- F. Enclose a self-addressed stamped business size envelope in which the Court will mail me an application for a certified copy of my driving record which I will send to Austin with proper fee as required by law.
- G. I understand that this form must be notarized (if you are mailing the request to the Court)

If you have met the above requirements, you are eligible for the course and are **responsible for completing** an approved course and remitting the signed court copy of the completion certificate to the court before the expiration of the 90-day extension.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

ALL REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, IF REQUESTING COPIES YOU MUST SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE

\*\*\*\* PAY FINES ON-LINE \*\*\*\*  
[www.co.refugio.tx.us](http://www.co.refugio.tx.us)  
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SCHEDULE OF  
 FINES  
 Effective JUNE 15, 2011

PAY FINES BY TELEPHONE  
 888-272-9829

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES

1-10 MPH.....\$165.00  
 11-15 MPH.....\$185.00  
 16-20 MPH.....\$225.00  
 21-25 MPH.....\$265.00  
 OVER 25 MPH.....\$315.00

1 TO 5 MPH.....\$155.00  
 6 TO 10 MPH.....\$195.00  
 11 TO 25 MPH.....\$275.00  
 26 MPH AND OVER.....\$315.00

Violate Promise to Appear.....\$382.00

NO SEATBELT-DRIVER/PASSENGER-----\$165.00  
 UNRESTRAINED CHILD -----\$215.00  
 NO DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$335.00  
 EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$145.00  
 FAILURE TO DISPLAY DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$135.00  
 VIOLATE DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTRICTION-----\$145.00  
 NO LIABILITY INSURANCE-----\$355.00  
 NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION-----\$145.00  
 NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION-----\$145.00  
 DISPLAY FICTITIOUS LICENSE PLATES OR MVI CERTIFICATE-----\$315.00  
 UNSAFE SPEED-----\$225.00  
 RACING OR CONTEST OF SPEED-----\$315.00  
 ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, OR IMPROPER TURN-----\$145.00  
 FAILURE TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE-----\$145.00  
 FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY-----\$145.00  
 PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE-----\$145.00  
 PASSING WITH INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE-----\$145.00  
 FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE-----\$145.00  
 NO HEAD LIGHT OR NO TAIL LIGHT-----\$145.00  
 DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT-----\$145.00  
 OPEN CONTAINER IN MOTOR VEHICLE-----\$305.00  
 UNAPPROVED WINDOW COATING-----\$145.00

Violation of Compulsory Insurance Law

1<sup>st</sup> Offense .....\$355.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense.....\$555.00  
 Subsequent.....Punishable by fine not to exceed \$2000.00  
 and/or vehicle impoundment

Note: Charges will be dismissed upon presentation to the court, of proof that the vehicle was covered by valid liability insurance policy at the time the citation was issued.

BE CAREFUL AND SELECT YOUR JUDGE(IT'S ON YOUR CITATION)

OFFICIAL PAYMENT CORP.  
[www.co.refugio.tx.us](http://www.co.refugio.tx.us)

SELECT: COUNTY OFFICES: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
SELECT: MAKE PAYMENTS ON-LINE (CLICK HERE)  
\*\*\*BE SURE AND SELECT THE RIGHT JUDGE\*\*\*  
SELECT: LOCAL PAYMENTS/OTHER PAYMENTS  
ENTER JURISDICTION CODE: 6576(LOPEZ) OR  
6577(RIEMENSCHNEIDER)—(MAKE A PAYMENT)  
WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE SAME SCREEN  
NOW CHANGE: PAYMENT TYPE—(MAKE A PAYMENT)  
Example: TX Dept. Of Public Safety, TX License and Weight, or Refugio Co. Sheriffs Dept.(located on top of citation)  
ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNT(CONTINUE)  
TERMS & CONDITIONS: CHOOSE BACK, DECLINE, OR ACCEPT  
ENTER PAYMENT INFORMATION AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS.

PHONE INSTRUCTIONS:  
OFFICIAL PAYMENT CORP.  
888-272-9829

SELECT: #3 PROPERTY TAX AND ALL OTHER PAYMENTS  
ENTER JURISDICTION CODE: 6576(LOPEZ) OR  
6577(RIEMENSCHNEIDER) (enter correct Judge)

IT WILL ASK IF YOU SELECTED REFUGIO COUNTY PCT # \_\_\_\_\_  
#1 FOR CORRECT  
TYPE: #1 TX DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TX LICENSE AND WEIGHT  
(OR) #2 REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. (LOCATED ON TOP OF CITATION)  
CITATION #(LOCATED ON TOP OF CITATION)  
AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS

\*\*\*\*\*ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION IS LOCATED ON YOUR CITATION AND REPLY FORM\*\*\*\*\*



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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, NO. 1**  
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*You must refer to the schedule on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and the costs assessed against you. Make your remittance by CASHIER'S CHECK , MONEY ORDER (NO COMPANY CHECKS, CASH or PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.) to the Justice Court encircled at the top of this letter. Return a copy of the citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.*

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*Thank You,  
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**WARNING**

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### SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES

(EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2011)

Gross Weight and Axle Violations (Including 1547 permit violations):	
Over weight-Less than 5,000 lbs.	\$ 308.00
Over weight-5,000 lbs. To 10,000 lbs.	485.00
Over weight-Over 10,000 lbs.	808.00
Permit Violations	308.00
No Motor Carrier Authority(ICC CAB CARD)	178.00
No or Improper reflective Material	178.00
No or Improper Commercial Motor Vehicle Signs or Markings	178.00
Fire Extinguisher Violation	178.00
No CDL Driver's License	265.00
No/Expired Registration or MVI Certificate	178.00
No Hazardous Materials Shipping Papers	178.00
No Medical Card on Person	178.00
Display/Fail to Display Hazardous Material Placards When Needed/Not Needed	178.00
Oversize-All Width, Length, height Violations	178.00
Improper Loading Loose Materials, and Inadequate Bed Violations	178.00
No/Improper Load Securement	178.00
No/Improper Load Securement - Intermodal Container	178.00
All Vehicle Equipment Violations (Defective Brakes, Lights, Etc.)	178.00
Operating Out of Service Vehicle	265.00
No Current Record of Duty Status	178.00
False Log Book	261.00
Over Hours Driving	178.00
No Proof of Liability Insurance	355.00
Disregard Traffic Control Sign	178.00
No/Fail To Display TX DOT Insurance Certificate	178.00
No Annual DOT Inspection	178.00
Driving with Detectable Amount of Alcohol About Person	360.00
Illegal Extension to Rear	178.00
Fail to Display Current License Receipts	178.00
Driver in Possession of Radar Detector	215.00
Brakes Out of Adjustment	178.00
NO SAFETY BELT	178.00

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FOR ANY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED, CONTACT COURT.  
AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

**CDL LICENSE HOLDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A  
DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS NOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**

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#### REPLY FORM

Mail to the Justice Court CIRCLED at the top of the letter BY the APPEARANCE DATE on the citation.  
**CHECK ONE OF THE BELOW:**

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**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."**

*SELECT: COUNTY OFFICES: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
SELECT: MAKE PAYMENTS ON-LINE (CLICK HERE)  
\*\*BE SURE & SELECT THE RIGHT JUDGE\*\*  
SELECT: LOCAL PAYMENTS/OTHER PAYMENTS  
ENTER JURISDICTION CODE: 6576(LOPEZ)  
6577(RIEMENSCHNEIDER)  
SELECT: PAYMENT TYPE (SELECT TX LICENSE & WEIGHT) (CONTINUE)  
ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNT(CONTINUE)  
TERMS & CONDITIONS: CHOOSE BACK, DECLINE, ACCEPT  
ENTER DEFENDANT INFORMATION AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS.*

*PHONE INSTRUCTIONS (1-888-272-9829)  
SELECT: #3 PROPERTY TAX AND ALL OTHER PAYMENTS  
JURISDICTION CODE: 6576 (LOPEZ)  
6577 (RIEMENSCHNEIDER)  
\*\*BE SURE & SELECT THE RIGHT JUDGE\*\*  
IT WILL ASK IF YOU SELECT REFUGIO COUNTY PCT # \_\_\_\_\_  
#1 FOR CORRECT  
TYPE: SELECT (TX LICENSE & WEIGHT)  
CITATION # (TX NUMBER ON TOP LEFT HAND SIDE OF TICKET)  
FOLLOW REST OF THE INSTRUCTIONS*