

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

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) FOR JUDGE LOPEZ  
[www.co.refugio.tx.us](http://www.co.refugio.tx.us) FOR JUDGE WHITLOW

SCHEDULE OF FINES

Effective JANUARY 1, 2010

PAY FINES BY TELEPHONE

888-272-9829

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

1-10 MPH.....\$161.00  
11-15 MPH.....\$181.00  
16-20 MPH.....\$221.00  
21-25 MPH.....\$261.00  
OVER 25 MPH.....\$311.00

SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES

1 TO 5 MPH.....\$151.00  
6 TO 10 MPH.....\$191.00  
11 TO 25 MPH.....\$271.00  
26 MPH AND OVER.....\$311.00

Violate Promise to Appear.....\$378.00

NO SEATBELT-DRIVER/PASSENGER-----\$161.00  
UNRESTRAINED CHILD -----\$211.00  
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$331.00  
EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$141.00  
FAILURE TO DISPLAY DRIVER'S LICENSE-----\$131.00  
VIOLATE DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTRICTION-----\$141.00  
NO LIABILITY INSURANCE-----\$351.00  
NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION-----\$141.00  
NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATICN-----\$141.00  
DISPLAY FICTITIOUS LICENSE PLATES OR MVI CERTIFICATE-----\$311.00  
UNSAFE SPEED-----\$221.00  
RACING OR CONTEST OF SPEED-----\$311.00  
ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, OR IMPROPER TURN-----\$141.00  
FAILURE TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE-----\$141.00  
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY-----\$141.00  
PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE-----\$141.00  
PASSING WITH INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE-----\$141.00  
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE-----\$141.00  
NO HEAD LIGHT OR NO TAIL LIGHT-----\$141.00  
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT-----\$141.00  
OPEN CONTAINER IN MOTOR VEHICLE-----\$301.00  
UNAPPROVED WINDOW COATING-----\$141.00

Violation of Compulsory Insurance Law

1<sup>st</sup> Offense .....\$351.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Offense.....\$551.00  
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.