

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 SEARCH FOR THE AMOUNT, OUR ADDRESS, or DEFENSIVE SAFETY COURSE INSTRUCTIONS online

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, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATION PROMISE TO APPEAR AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. 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

CHOOSE ONLY ONE PER VIOLATION (1-4)

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

4. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: (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 _____ (COPY 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)
- H. I will submit a Driving Record from Tx Department of Public Safety within 90 days from request date.

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 _____, 20_____

(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 BY TELEPHONE
 361-526-1635**

**SCHEDULE OF
 FINES**

(Effective January 10, 2012)

**SPEEDING VIOLATIONS
 SCHOOL ZONES**

SPEEDING IN

1-10 MPH.....\$165.00	1	TO	5
11-15 MPH.....\$185.00	MPH.....\$155.00	6	TO 10
16-20 MPH.....\$225.00	MPH.....\$195.00	11	TO 25
21-25 MPH.....\$265.00	MPH.....\$275.00		
OVER 25.....\$315.00	26 MPH AND OVER.....\$315.00		

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

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-----	\$14 5.00
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 st Offense	\$355.00
2 nd 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.

Call Justice Courts to pay by credit or debit card.