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Justice of the Peace, No. 2
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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 be 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 may be filed against you for violation promise to appear. The court may also deny renewal of your driver's license.

JUVENILES: If you are under seventeen (17) years of age, you **MUST** appear in person with your parent, legal guardian or attorney. A juvenile who fails to appear by the appearance date shown on the 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** please 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 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.

Driving Safety Course: Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have this (one) charge dismissed by taking a driving 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). Please see page 2 for more information on the driving safety course.

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 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 waive my right to a jury trial. I request a trial by judge.
4. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a jury trial.

Date: _____
Citation # : _____
Signature: _____

Driver's License No: _____
Printed Name: _____

Detach here and mail with fine or not guilty plea to the court indicated on the reverse

REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

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

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

5. _____ I hereby enter a plea of _____ **NOLO CONTENDERE** _____ **GUILTY**

This is my written request to take the "DRIVING SAFETY COURSE". **MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COURT PRIOR TO TAKING.**
DSC VIA INTERNET ACCEPTED

You are **not** eligible for DSC if:

- a. You were speeding 25 MPH or more above the posted speed limit.
- b. Your speed was 95 MPH or more.
- c. Your offense occurred in a construction zone with workers present.
- d. Your offense is for pass/overtake school bus.
- d. You are a commercial driver's license (CDL) holder or at the time the offense was committed.

FOLLOW ALL THE SETPS BELOW:

- A. Enclose a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of **\$112.00** 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 Driving Safety Course in the previous 12 months 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 fees as required by law. You may also obtain your driving record online at: <https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/forms/dr-1.pdf>. I will submit my driving record to the court within 90 days from request date.
- G. I understand that this form must be notarized.

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 approved 90-days.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Printed Name: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the _____ day of _____, 20____

(SEAL)

Notary Public

PAY FINES BY TELEPHONE WITH A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD
361-526-1635 OR WEBSITE AT www.co.refugio.tx.us

SCHEDULE OF FINES

(Effective October 30, 2015)

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

1-10 MPH.....	\$167.00
11-15 MPH.....	\$187.00
16-20 MPH.....	\$227.00
21-25 MPH.....	\$267.00
OVER 25.....	\$302.00

SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES

1 TO 5 MPH.....	\$207.00
6 TO 10 MPH.....	\$222.00
11 TO 25 MPH.....	\$302.00
26 MPH AND OVER.....	\$342.00

Violate Promise to Appear.....\$300.00

NO SEATBELT-DRIVER/PASSENGER-----	\$152.00
UNRESTRAINED CHILD -----	\$217.00
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE-----	\$302.00
EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE-----	\$147.00
FAILURE TO DISPLAY DRIVER'S LICENSE-----	\$137.00
VIOLATE DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTRICTION-----	\$147.00
NO LIABILITY INSURANCE-----	\$357.00
NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION-----	\$147.00
DISPLAY FICTITIOUS LICENSE PLATES OR MVI CERTIFICATE-----	\$317.00
UNSAFE SPEED-----	\$227.00
RACING OR CONTEST OF SPEED-----	\$317.00
ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, OR IMPROPER TURN-----	\$147.00
FAILURE TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE-----	\$147.00
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY-----	\$147.00
PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE-----	\$147.00
PASSING WITH INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE-----	\$147.00
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE-----	\$147.00
NO HEAD LIGHT OR NO TAIL LIGHT-----	\$147.00
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT-----	\$147.00
OPEN CONTAINER IN MOTOR VEHICLE-----	\$307.00
UNAPPROVED WINDOW COATING-----	\$147.00

Violation of Compulsory Insurance Law

1st Offense\$357.00

2nd Offense.....\$557.00

Subsequent.....Punishable by fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 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.