

**CITY OF HALLETTSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT**

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**IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE (NO CONTEST)** please indicate on the reply form below. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state’s charge(s) against you. The fine for a Nolo Contendere is the same as that for a plea of Guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive your right to a trial.

If you wish to remit your fine by mail, refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side of this letter to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and cost(s) assessed against you. Make your payment by Cashier’s Check or Money Order payable to City of Hallettsville. Then mail the payment, a copy of your citation, and completed reply form below to the address shown above.

**IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial you must so indicate in the proper space on the reply form below. If you enter a plea of Not Guilty, you must then return the completed reply form with your current contact information to the address shown above. You have the right to a trial by jury, if you so request.

**FOR A DISMISSAL OF A CITATION YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY ONLY IF** you were issued a citation for a moving violation (when speeding, must be less than 25 miles over limit); you have not attended a driving school in the past 12 months; you have a valid Texas Driver’s License (no CDL); you have valid proof of financial responsibility; and you present to the Court a written request to do so prior to your appearance date on your ticket. Failure to provide a written request by your appearance date will result in forfeiture of the right to take the course. Upon receipt and approval of request/requirements, the Court will grant permission to take the course. You will then have 90 days to complete the course, obtain a certified driver’s record, and present the completion certificate and driver’s record to the court. This information **MUST** be received on or before the 90<sup>th</sup> day for your charges to be dismissed.

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**REPLY FORM**

**CHECK ONE:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive my right to a trial. Cashier’s Check or Money Order in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive my right to a trial. Cashier’s Check or Money Order in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and agree to appear in court on date set for hearing. I request a (circle one):  
 [BENCH TRIAL] [JURY TRIAL]  
 Legal counsel representation (circle one):  
 [WILL HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL] [WILL NOT]

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

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DRIVER SAFETY COURSE AFFIDAVIT**

I hereby enter a plea of (circle one): [GUILTY] [NOLO CONTENDERE]  
 And file this affidavit that I am not in the process of taking a driving safety course and have not taken a course to dismiss a citation within the last 12 months that is not yet reflected on my driving record. I hereby request that the Court grant me a driving safety course. [Contact the Court to determine the amount of the Court Costs and Administrative Fee to remit. Enclose a copy of your valid proof of financial responsibility, a copy of your driver’s license, and a certified copy of your driver’s record from TxDPS, www.txdps.state.tx.us or (512) 424-2600. Please note that this affidavit must be notarized.]

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

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

NOTARY SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPEEDING:**

- Speeding 50.00 base+99.10+\$2 for every mile over speed limit
- Speeding in School Zone 50.00 base+124.10+\$2 for every mile over speed limit

**TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:**

- Fail to control Speed 199.10
- Fail to Yield Right of Way 199.10
- Disregard Stop Sign 199.10
- Disregard Red Light 199.10
- Unsafe Lane Change 199.10
- Following too Closely 199.10
- Backing vehicle/Not in safety 149.10
- Fail to Maintain Single Lane (driving on roadway laned traffic) 199.10
- Driving on Right Side of Roadway (wrong side of roadway) 199.10
- Drove Wrong Way on One-Way 149.10
- Fail to Pass to Right Safely (improper passing) 199.10
- Fail to Signal-Intent to Turn (Lane change-required distance) 199.10
- Fail to Stop at Designated Point 199.10
- Fail to Yield ROW-Emergency Veh. 299.10
- Fail to Stop/Return to Scene/Give Information/Render Aid 174.10
- Passing No Passing Zone 199.10
- Use of Wireless Device-School zone 224.00
- Operate Vehicle w/child in Open Bed 199.10
- Disregard Official Traffic Control Device 199.10
- Passed-Insufficient clearance 174.10

**SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS:**

- Child Passenger Safety Seat System (under 8 < 4’9”) 199.10
- Child 8-17 Not Secured by Safety Belt-Passenger 199.10
- No Safety Belt (Driver) 149.00
- No Safety Belt (Passenger) 149.00

**DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATIONS:**

- Driving While Lic. Invalid (DWLI) 266.10
- No Driver’s/Operator’s License 266.10
- Expired Driver’s License 166.10
- Fail to Display Driver’s License 116.10
- No Motor Cycle Endorsement 266.10
- Violate Driver’s License Restriction 166.10
- Fail to Change Address on Driver’s License 116.10
- Allow/Permit Unauthorized/Unlicensed Person to Drive/Operate Vehicle 266.10

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION:**

- Expired Registration/License Plate 141.10
- Operate Unregistered Vehicle 266.00
- Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection (MVI) 149.00
- (if expired less than 60 days, must present proof of renewal and payment within 20 days) 20.00

**MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS:**

- Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility 416.00
- Defective Equipment 149.00
- Leaving Child unattended in vehicle 166.00
- Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage in M/V 216.10
- Transport Loose Material/Unsecured Load 166.00
- Illegal Dumping, Littering 266.00
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (age: 17 & over) 466.00
- Public Intoxication (age: 21 and over) 366.00

**SPECIAL NOTES**

- 1) For any of the following charges, a court appearance is required:  
 -Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage  
 -Minor Consumption of Alcohol  
 -Minor in Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
 -Minor in Possession of Tobacco
- 2) Credit/debit cards are also acceptable methods of payment. To make a payment by credit or debit card contact the court clerk at (361) 798-3681. Please note, a \$4 service charge will be added to all credit and debit transactions.
- 3) Juveniles (16 and under) are required to appear before the judge in open court with their parent or guardian for all proceedings. Please contact the Court for additional information.
- 4) **If you fail to respond to the charge(s) by the appearance date shown on the citation, an additional charge will be assessed against you for failure to appear and warrants will be issued for your arrest.** A telephone call does not constitute an appearance and will not prevent the issuance of a warrant. You must respond in person or in writing. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.
- 5) This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Hallettsville Municipal Court to assist you in disposing the charge(s) against you.
- 6) The fine is due and payable upon conviction. Any other arrangements must be made through the court.