

**MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS**  
**The Honorable Randall J. Pick, Presiding**

- This notice is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Municipal Court of the City of Taylor to assist you in disposing of the charge(s) filed against you. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct). If you fail to respond to the charge(s) by the appearance date shown on the citation, you may be denied renewal of your driver's license and registration of your vehicle. In addition a warrant(s) will be issued for your arrest. Fees of \$50.00 will be assessed for executing or processing the warrant. **JUVENILES** 16 and under must appear in court with a parent or guardian. A **juvenile** who fails to appear by the time and date on the citation, **with his/her parent or guardian**, may have their license suspended as required by law (Transportation Code (T.C.), Sec. 729.003).

**WARNING: A CHILD AND PARENT REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE COURT, IN WRITING, WITH THE CURRENT ADDRESS AND RESIDENCE OF THE CHILD. THE OBLIGATION DOES NOT END WHEN THE CHILD REACHES AGE 17. ON OR BEFORE THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY AFTER THE DATE THE CHILD OR PARENT CHANGES RESIDENCE, THE CHILD OR PARENT SHALL NOTIFY THE COURT OF THE CURRENT ADDRESS, IN WRITING. A VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN ARREST AND IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR. THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TERMINATES ON DISCHARGE AND SATISFACTION OF THE JUDGMENT OR FINAL DISPOSITION.**

- IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE**, please so indicate in the proper space provided on the **PLEA FORM** on the reverse side of this notice. A plea of *Nolo Contendere* means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a *Nolo Contendere* plea is the same as that for a plea of "guilty". Either plea indicates that you agree to waive a jury trial or trial by the Judge. Please refer to the "Schedule of Acceptable Fines" shown below to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable to the Court. Payment options are shown in **PART D** on the reverse side of this page. To assure proper credit, return your copy of the citation and the completed form with your remittance.

**SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES**

Effective January 1, 2010

**SPEEDING:** Non School Zone \$4.00 per mile over the posted speed limit plus \$97.10 court cost. School Zone \$5.00 per mile over the posted speed limit plus \$122.10 court cost. Speeding, 25 miles per hour over limit \$6.50 per mile over limit plus \$97.10 court cost. Commercial Vehicle \$10.00 per mile over limit plus \$97.10 court costs. Offenses in Construction Zone where workers are present: double the regular fine plus court costs.

<u>Traffic Violation</u>	<u>Fine &amp; Court Cost</u>
Collision cases.....	\$247.10
Cut Across Parking Lot to Avoid Light.....	\$187.10
Disregard Barricade.....	\$197.00
Drive over fire hose.....	\$187.00
Driving While License Invalid.....	\$297.00
Expired Driver's License.....	\$144.00
*Expired Inspection Sticker.....	\$182.00
Expired Registration/unregistered vehicle.....	\$144.00
Fail To Give Proper Signal.....	\$172.00
**Fail Maintain Financial Responsibility 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense..	\$239.00
**Fail Maintain Financial Responsibility 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$414.00
**Fail Maintain Financial Responsibility 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$564.00
Fail to Stop For Pedestrian at Crosswalk.....	\$197.10
Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle.....	\$222.10
Fail to Yield Right of way (with collision).....	\$247.10

<u>Traffic Violation</u>	<u>Fine &amp; Court Cost</u>
Leave Scene of Accident.....	\$247.10
No D.L.-1 <sup>st</sup> Offense.....	\$189.10
No D.L.-2nd Offense .....	\$214.10
Park in Handicap Zone.....	\$597.00
Park in No Parking Zone.....	\$ 75 .00
Park in Fire Lane.....	\$564.00
Passing School Bus.....	\$372.10
Passing Stationary Emergency Vehicle.....	\$197.00
Permit Unlicensed Driver to Drive.....	\$189.00
Ran Stop Sign or Ran Red Light (no collision).....	\$222.10
Seat Belt (Driver/Passenger, 15yrs & Older).....	\$147.15
Unrestrained Child (u/8,u/57" ) 1 <sup>ST</sup> Offense .....	\$147.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent...	\$347.15
Violate D.L. Restriction.....	\$149 .10
Violation thru Truck Ordinance.....	\$164.00

**NOTE: ADDITIONAL \$25.00 CHILD SAFETY FEE IS ADDED TO ALL OFFENSES OCCURRING IN SCHOOL ZONE. ALL FINES ARE DOUBLED IF VIOLATION OCCURRED IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WHEN WORKERS ARE PRESENT**

- \* Charges will be dismissed if expiration date of inspection sticker is less than 60 days on the date citation for the offense is issued and defendant remedies defect within 20 working days of receiving citation. An administrative fee of \$20.00 must accompany proof.
- \*\* A charge of Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (proof of insurance) may be dismissed upon presentation of valid proof of insurance covering the period of the violation

**If the violation you are charged with is not on the list provided above, call the Court Clerk at (512)352-5977.**

- Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that a "moving violation charge" be 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).** You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if (i.) you held a commercial driver's license (ii.) the violation involved exceeding the posted limit by 25 MPH or more, (iii.) you have used this option (T.C. Sec. 543.103) within one year immediately preceding the date of the citation or (iv.) you did not have a valid Texas driver's license or permit or you could not show proof of financial responsibility (insurance) as required by Sec. 601.081 of the Transportation Code. If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, read and complete the "REQUEST FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE FORM" on the reverse side and return it to the Court, or mail it by certified mail, with the required fees and proof of insurance, before your court appearance date.
- IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, please indicate on the PLEA FORM (Line 3), on the reverse side and mail your plea before your appearance date. You will be notified when you **MUST** appear for trial.

Mail to the Taylor Municipal Court – 109 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Taylor, Texas 76574

FAX (512) 352-7724

Telephone (512) 352 5977

(Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you need a receipt.)

PART A

Name (Print or type as it appears on your driver's license)

Driver's license number

Current Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

Citation No.

Offense

Date cited to appear on or before (This is on the citation)

PART B - PLEA FORM

CHECK ONE:

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive a jury trial or trial by Judge.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE / NO CONTEST and waive a jury trial or trial by Judge.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by **Judge or Jury** (indicate your preference of trial by circling either Judge or Jury). I understand that the Court will advise me of my trial date by mail.

NOTE: JUVENILES 16 & UNDER MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

Signature

Date

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fine Amount

PART C - REQUEST FORM FOR "DRIVING SAFETY COURSE"

(To be eligible for this course, you must have entered a plea of GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE in PART B above. You may mail this form to the Court by certified mail. Mail must be postmarked on or before your appearance date in order to be eligible. If you held a commercial driver's license at the time of the citation; you are NOT eligible to take the defensive driving course or if the offense occurred in a Construction Zone when workers were present.

Please indicate (T) rue or (F) alse next to the statements listed. If any are FALSE, you are NOT eligible for the Driving Safety Course.

- I did not have a commercial driver's license at the time I was issued this citation.
- I pled (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ GUILTY or \_\_\_\_\_ NOLO CONTENDERE in PART B above and signed the PLEA FORM.
- I possess a valid TEXAS driver's license or permit and included a copy of my driver's license.
- I have NOT taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past twelve (12) months.
- I am NOT in the process of taking a driving safety course to dismiss another offense.
- I have NOT completed a driving safety course that is not yet reflected on my driving record.
- I understand I CANNOT take the driving safety course in lieu of paying the fine if I am accused of speeding 25 miles an hour or more over the posted speed limit.
- Proof of Financial Responsibility (insurance) is ENCLOSED. (A photo or faxed copy is acceptable -- NO ORIGINALS)
- Remittance of the correct court cost plus a \$10.00 Special Fee, in a money order form, is ENCLOSED.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope is ENCLOSED in which the Court will mail me an application for a certified copy of my driving record which I will send to Austin with the proper fee as required by law.
- I understand that I am responsible for completing a Department of Public Safety approved Driving Safety Course and remitting the, properly signed, completion certificate to the Court before the expiration of the 90 DAYS.

If you have complied with the above requirements and are eligible for the course, send this completed form along with required enclosures to the Municipal Court. You are responsible for completing an approved course and remitting the completion certificate to the Court before expiration date of the 90 days, which will be granted unless you are notified otherwise by the Court.

Under pain or penalty of perjury \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Defendant

Date

PART D – PAYMENT OPTIONS

NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED. Payments may be made IN PERSON at the Court using money orders, cash, or credit card only; by credit card ONLINE(except for Defensive Driving fees and court cost); in the DROP BOX at 109 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St .by money order only; or sent BY MAIL by money order only. Remittances must be made for the full amount of the fine plus court costs as shown on the schedule on the reverse side of this form.