

**DO NOT CALL THE COURT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THIS NOTICE
MUNICIPAL COURT, DEVINE, TEXAS**



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PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, SEND CASHIER'S CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY. MAKE THE MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK PAYABLE TO: DEVINE MUNICIPAL COURT.

**DEFENDANT MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM, REGARDLESS OF WHO PAYS THE CITATION.
PLEA BY MAIL FORM**

YOU CAN RESOLVE YOUR CASE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. **PAY IN PERSON: ON or BEFORE** the date shown on the citation **OR**
2. **PAY BY MAIL:** Complete the Mail Appearance Form, and mail it along with a **MONEY ORDER** and a **COPY OF THE CITATION** you were issued to the Court indicated **BEFORE** the appearance date shown on your citation.
3. **APPEAR IN COURT: ON or BEFORE** the date shown on the citation
Note: JUVENILES UNDER 17 years of age must appear in person with a parent, guardian or proof of marriage.

FAILURE TO APPEAR OR MAKE PAYMENT as indicated will result in an additional charge for "VIOLATION OF PROMISE TO APPEAR or FAIL TO APPEAR" AND YOU WILL BE DENIED renewal of your driver's license. The acceptable charge for "VIOLATION OF PROMISE TO APPEAR" IS \$266 AND "FAIL TO APPEAR" IS \$266.00.



New QR Code to pay online!



CHECK ONE:

- _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY**. I will be notified of the trial date and will appear on that date. I am responsible for notifying the court of a correct address or change of address for correspondence purposes.
- _____ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY and waive appearance for trial**. Cashier's Check or Money Order in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.
- _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE and waive appearance for trial**. Cashier's Check or Money Order in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed.

DATE _____ DEFENDANT SIGNATURE _____

**CDL HOLDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO TAKE DSC OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION.
PLEASE REFER TO THE REVERSE SIDE FOR FINE SCHEDULE**

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COMPLIANCE DISMISSALS: If you were give a citation for either: expired driver's license, violate restrictions/endorsements, operate vehicle without license plate, expired registration, failure to report change of address or name within 30 days, failure to display driver's license, expired inspection, you have a time period to correct the violation so that your case may be dismissed with a dismissal fee. The dismissal fee as well as the time you have will vary depending on the violation. Contact the court for more information.

NO INSURANCE VIOLATIONS: If your vehicle had insurance coverage on the date & time of the violation, your ticket will be dismissed, however, if it wasn't you are responsible for the full price of the ticket.

*****Remember, presenting the court with a fake insurance card as proof is against the law!*****

DEFERRED DISPOSITION: You may be eligible for Deferred Disposition; if you are eligible you must pay the amount of the ticket plus an additional \$50.00 special expense fee. There is paperwork that needs to be signed and you must agree to a probation period between 1-180 days. Keep in mind if you are under the age of 25 there are additional conditions for the deferral. Contact the Court

for more information. If you get through the probation period and are not convicted of another ticket, your case will be dismissed. However, if you are convicted, then your case will reflect on your driving record and you may incur a surcharge by Texas DPS.

FINE/FEE LISTING:

Speeding thru 10mph.....\$200.00	Speeding 11 thru 15 mph.....\$230.00
Speeding 16 thru 25 mph.....\$290.00	Speeding 26 and above.....\$334.00
Speeding in a school zone.....\$300.00	No liability insurance.....\$350.00
Passing a stopped school bus.....\$760.00	Theft or Public Intoxication.....\$350.00
No Driver’s License.....\$200.00	Driving While License Invalid/Suspended...\$350.00
Disregard/Ran Stop Sign or Red Light.....\$290.00	Failure to Dim Headlights.....\$280.00

**** CONTACT THE COURT FOR FINE AMOUNT FOR VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED****

DEFENSIVE DRIVING: You may be eligible to complete a Driving Safety Course. However, you will lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court on or before the Appearance Date on you Citation of your desire to do so.

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY VOID YOUR REQUEST. Under the Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 45-0511, the Court shall defer proceedings and allow you 90 days to present evidence that subsequent to the alleged offense, you have successfully completed a DRIVING SAFETY COURSE approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety IF:

- (1) You request to take the course on or before the appearance date on the citation and the request is sent by certified mail, and
- (2) You pay with a MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER’S CHECK for \$144.00 or \$169.00 if the offense was for Speeding in a School Zone, made payable to the **Devine Municipal Court.**
- (3) You must provide proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance) AT THE TIME THE DRIVING SAFETY IS REQUESTED, and
- (4) You have NOT taken a similar course to have a citation dismissed in the preceding 12 months and are not taking one for another violation at the present time and sign the Affidavit: DRIVING COURSE REQUEST AND AFFIDAVIT
- (5) The offense charged was not SPEEDING 25 mph or more over the speed limit, and
- (6) You have a valid Texas Driver’s License or permit, DRIVERS WHO HOLD A C.D.L. ARE **NOT ELIGIBLE**, and
- (7) You plead GUILTY OR NO LO CONTENDERE to the charge, and
- (8) You must provide a Driving History Record from the Texas Department of Public Safety (you can print a copy of your driving record from the DPS website), and is initiated after court approval

DO NOT TAKE DRIVING SAFETY FOR DISMISSAL PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL

Upon completion you will receive from the State a CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. You MUST mail the original COURT COPY and the DRIVING RECORD to the court so that credit can be given and the charge dismissed.

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE REQUEST AND AFFIDAVIT

Circle a plea and sign before the Notary and return this from to the court as indicated.

I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE or GUILTY and waive my right to trial, I request to take a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety for dismissal of a traffic citation. I understand that I have only 90 days from the date of my appearance date to obtain my driving record form the Texas Dept. of Public Safety in Austin and to take this course.

I swear that I am not now in the process of taking a Driving Safety Course for the dismissal of a traffic citation, and I further swear that I have not completed a Driving Safety Course for dismissal of a traffic citation that is not yet reflected on my driving record. I swear that I have not taken a Driving Safety Course in the last year for dismissal of a traffic citation for with I am presently making this request.

Date _____ Signature _____ D.L. No. _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone No. _____

Subscriber and sworn to before me on _____, 20_____

 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
 My Commission Expires _____