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- This information is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Midland County, Texas to assist you in making disposition 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). State law requires a person receiving a citation for a traffic offense or alleged violation of a class C misdemeanor (crime punishable by fine only) TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT OF JURISDICTION IN PERSON, IN WRITING, OR THROUGH AN ATTORNEY ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE LISTED ON THE CITATION. PHONE CALLS TO THE COURTS REGARDING CITATIONS ARE DISCOURAGED. THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE COURTS IS EITHER IN PERSON, IN WRITING OR BY USING THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS.** For any one wishing to speak to or see the Judge please appear in person and ask the Clerk of the appropriate Court for Open Court dates or appointments.
- If you wish to enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, so indicate in the proper space on reverse side, and send to the Court listed on your citation BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE. You have the right to a jury trial or a bench trial, if requested.
- IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, ADDITIONAL CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND YOU COULD BE DENIED RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST AND AN ADDITIONAL FINE OF \$300.00 WILL BE ASSESSED. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR IN PERSON WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR ANY CITATION RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE ON A CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW (Transportation Code Sec. 729.003)**
- IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please so indicate in the proper space provided on the reply form on the reverse side. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. 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. Please refer to the fine schedule shown below to determine the total amount of the fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court or write the appropriate Court for fines not listed. **The listed fines are only valid if remitted on or before the appearance date, please write if after that date as fines are subject to increase.** Make your remittance by Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to the Justice Court indicated on your citation. Return your copy of the Citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit. If mailing it is recommended that you use Certified mail return receipt requested. The postmark will be used to determine if you answered by the appearance date. **FINES MUST BE PAID IN FULL. YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE COURT TO PAY YOUR FINES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. A \$25 TIME PAYMENT FEE WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH OFFENSE.**
- Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that this (one) 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.** If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, read and complete the request form on the reverse side and return to the Court on or before your appearance date.

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES-EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

(Fine amounts valid if remitted on or before Appearance Date. If after that date please call as fines are subject to increase.)

Traffic Violations

Speeding:	
Miles per hour over speed limit:	
1 – 12	\$148
13 – 18	\$158
19 – 24	\$168
25 – 30	\$228
31 – 36	\$303
Driving While License Invalid/Suspended	Please Write
No Driver's license	\$168
Fail to Present Valid D. L	\$168
* Expired Driver's License	\$168
* Expired Registration	\$148
* Expired MVI Sticker	\$148
Unrestrained Child	\$208
Seat Belt Violations	\$153
Passing in a no Passing Zone	\$158
Wrong Way Violations	\$158
Fail to Stop—Red Light or Stop Sign	\$158
No Insurance...1 st Conviction	\$398
(subsequent convictions up to \$1,000)	
*Equipment Violations	\$148
Violations Involving Accidents	\$168
All Other Violations	Please Write

Commercial Driver's License Violations

***Over Weight	0 - 4,999 lbs	\$220
"	5,000 - 7,000 lbs	\$463
"	7,001 -10,000 lbs	\$570
"	10,001 -25,000 lbs	\$715
"	25,001 -35,000 lbs	\$795
"	35,001 - OVER	\$1,070
***Fines Doubled with Prior Convictions		
Log Book Violations		\$208
Violate Out of Service Order		\$208
No Post Trip Inspection		\$168
No Periodic Inspection	\$168	
Fail to Display Required Documents		\$168
Over Size (height, Width, Length)	\$188	
No Annual Inspection	\$168	
No Commercial Drivers License		\$208
Hazardous Materials Violations		\$188
All Registration Violations		\$188
Equipment Violations		\$188
All Out of Service Violations		\$208
Driver in Possession/Consume Alcohol		\$603
All Other CMV Violations		Please Write
Failure to Appear on any Charge		\$300.00 (plus fees)

NOTE: ALL FINES ARE DOUBLED IF CITATION ISSUED IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE IF WORKERS ARE PRESENT

* Charges may be dismissed if defendant remedies this defect and shows proof to the Court within 10 Working days and pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$20.00. Inspection cannot be expired for more than 60 days.

REPLY FORM

Mail or bring in person to the Justice Court indicated on the reverse side of this letter. Enclose your copy of the Citation with your reply. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you need a receipt. Please refer to the bottom of the citation for the appropriate Court.

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. _____ Date of Citation _____ Date Cited to appear on or before _____

CHECK ONE: Make all money orders or cashier's checks payable to Midland County JP # ____ (indicate 1,2,3 or 4)

- I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive trial by Jury. (Enclose Fine)
- I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE/NO CONTEST** and waive trial by Jury. (Enclose Fine)
- I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request the Court notify me of my trial date by mail.

NOTE: JUVENILES 16 & UNDER ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT IN PERSON WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR ALL VIOLATIONS. Juveniles who reside outside of the County in which the citation was issued may at the Judge's discretion appear before a Judge in the County in which the Juvenile resides.

Signature _____ Date _____ Fine amount remitted _____

REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

(Failure to remit this form on or before your appearance date may result in ineligibility for the course.)

By my signature below I certify that the following are true and correct.

I hereby plead NOLO CONTENDERE or GUILTY and waive trial by Jury.

I possess a valid **TEXAS** driver's license or permit (Commercial Drivers License holders do not qualify)

I have not taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past 12 months nor am I in the process of taking a driving safety course that is not yet reflected on my driving record.

I **ENCLOSE** proof of Financial Responsibility or a copy of my valid Liability Insurance card.

I **ENCLOSE** a money order or cashier's check made payable to the Justice Court indicated at the bottom of the citation in the amount of **\$123.00**. **IF YOU FAIL TO REQUEST DEFENSIVE DRIVING PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE APPEARANCE DATE, ADDITIONAL FEES WILL BE APPLIED.**

I understand that I **CANNOT** take the Defensive Driving Course if I possess a CDL (Commercial Drivers License).

I understand that I **CANNOT** take the Defensive Driving Course if I am accused of speeding 25 or more miles over the posted speed limit.

MAIL THIS NOTARIZED FORM AND \$123.00 AND PROOF OF INSURANCE TO THE COURT BY CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE AND AN INFORMATION SHEET WILL BE SENT AUTHORIZING YOU TO ATTEND A "DSC" CLASS

Your Signature

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

NOTARY PUBLIC / CLERK OF THE COURT