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DRIVER IMPROVEMENT ELECTION AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to Florida Statute 318.14(4), you have thirty (30) calendar days from the date you receive your citation to pay your citation, elect to attend a Basic Driver Improvement course, or request a court appearance.

You may choose to pay your fine and or make your election to attend Driver Improvement course using a credit or debit card by accessing <http://myfloridacounty.com>.

If you wish to elect a court appearance, please contact the Clerk's office. You may also find the CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARING FORM on our website, www.hardeeclerk.com.

BY SIGNING THE BACK OF THIS FORM I ELECT TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE:

Fine amounts for electing the Driver Improvement Course are different by a \$7.00 affidavit fee.
Refer to the back of this form or contact the Clerk's Office for correct payment amounts.

I understand this option is available to me if:

I DO NOT HAVE A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

I was not driving a commercial motor vehicle without holding a commercial driver license.

I HAVE NOT made an election within the last twelve (12) months.

I HAVE NOT made more than five (5) elections in a lifetime.

I am making this election within 30 calendar days of the date that my citation was issued.

I understand to satisfactorily complete this election I must:

Mail or bring this form and applicable costs to the Hardee County Courthouse, Clerk's office within 30 calendar days of the date of my citation.

Attend and complete a Florida approved four (4) hour basic driver improvement course and present the Certificate of Completion to the Hardee County Courthouse, Clerk's office within 90 calendar days of the date I sign this affidavit.

I understand that when I satisfactorily comply with this election:

My driver record will not reflect a conviction.

Points will not be assessed against my driver license.

I understand that if I fail to complete any requirement of this election:

I will be guilty of the offense and my driver record will be changed to show a conviction of this offense.

Points will be assessed against my driver license.

Additional fines, costs and fees will be assessed due to a D6 suspension.

New Basic Driving School (BDI) Requirement House Bill 481 Effective October 1, 2009

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle now require any operator convicted of failure to obey a traffic control device (running a red light), failure to yield right-of-way to vehicle or pedestrian, passing a stopped school bus to complete a Department approved 4-hour basic driver improvement course. All drivers, except CDL holders may elect to attend a BDI course in lieu of points only if eligible. All drivers, even CDL holders are required to complete this course. If the driver does not elect to attend a school, the Department will automatically generate a notice advising they must complete a BDI course within 90 days from the date of the notice.

NOTICE: DO NOT SIGN THIS ELECTION UNLESS YOU ARE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE CONDITIONS FOR ELECTING TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE.

My signature indicates my intent to elect to attend a driver improvement course, and that I have read and understand the requirements listed above.

Date: _____ Citation Number: _____

Violator's Name: _____ (type or print)

Violator's Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Certificate is Due 90 days from today: _____

**CITATION COST/AMOUNT FOR BDI COURSE ELECTION
SPEEDING VIOLATIONS**

<u>Original Ticket Cost</u>	<u>Election Cost</u>
\$128.00	\$135.00
\$203.00	\$210.00
\$253.00	\$260.00
\$278.00	\$285.00

SCHOOL ZONE/CUNSTRUCTION ZONE

\$153.00	\$160.00
\$303.00	\$310.00
\$403.00	\$410.00
\$453.00	\$460.00

MOVING INFRACTIONS

\$163.00	\$170.00
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RAILROAD CROSSING VIOLATIONS

\$203.00	\$210.00
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FAIL TO STOP @ TRAFFIC SIGNAL WRITTEN BY LEO

\$261.00	\$268.00
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Mail this form along with your payment to: Hardee County Clerk of Courts, P. O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL., 33873 Attn: Traffic

Payment must be in the form of a cashier's check, money order or business check within the State of Florida and made payable to: Hardee County Clerk of Courts.

**Certificates of completion may be emailed to: hardeetraffic@hardeeclerk.com
or mailed to the address above.**