



JUDGES OF JUSTICE COURTS OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS

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COURTESY LETTER

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Panola 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).

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR FOR \$158.00 AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON A CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW (Transportation Code (T.C.), Sec. 729.003). WARRANT FEES OF \$35.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EXECUTING OR PROCESSING A WARRANT, AND IF ENTERED INTO OMNI AN EXTA \$30.00 COLLECTION FEE WILL BE ADDED..

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 a 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 fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court. Make your remittance by **Cashier's Check** or **Money Order** payable to "**PANOLA COUNTY**" and mail to the appropriate court indicated at the top of this letter. Return your copy of the Citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF **NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, please so indicate on the reply form on the reverse side and mail your plea on or before your appearance date. You will be notified by the Court about bond and when you **MUST** appear for trial and any other required procedures. You have a right to trial by jury, if you so request.

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).** {You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if it is a violation of (25 MPH with operators license

or 15 MPH with commercial license), or more above the posted limit and you are ineligible if you have used this option (T.C. Sec. 543.103) within the one year immediately preceding the date of the citation. You must present to the court a valid Texas driver's license or permit, you must show proof of financial responsibility (insurance) as required by Sec. 601.081 of the Transportation Code, and a copy of your driving record from Austin. You will need to send \$108.00 to the court. If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, read and complete the request form and return it to the Court with the required fee and proof of insurance on or before your appearance date. You have 180 days from date of request to provide the Court with required documentation showing successful completion of an approved Driving Safety Course.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COURT. IF YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS STATED ON THE D.S.C. REQUEST FORM, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THE COURSE AND REMITTING THE PROPER COMPLETION CERTIFICATE TO THE COURT.