

STEPHENS COUNTY



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COURTESY LETTER

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS - IT MIGHT SAVE YOU MONEY
YOUR SIGNATURE on the citation is your written promise to appear before the Judge. This may be done completely by mail using this letter. If you fail to contact the Judge on or before the appearance date an additional charge of **VIOLATE WRITTEN PROMISE TO APPEAR** will be filed, which will result in an additional fine of **\$300.00**

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT AS REQUIRED BY LAW, YOU MAY BE DENIED THE RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER LICENSE AND ASSESSED AN ADDITIONAL FEE.

If you live outside of Texas and fail to comply with the terms of the citation, your driver's license in your home state will be subject to suspension until you comply.

ALL PLEAS, MOTIONS, OR REQUESTS TO THE COURT MUST BE MADE IN WRITING. A PHONE CALL IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE IN COURT.

A plea of GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE (which means no contest to the charge) indicates your desire to waive an appearance for trial and will result in a fine assessment indicated on the back of this letter. Include a copy of the citation with a MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK (NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS) in the proper amount with this letter. If the violation on your citation is not listed on the back of this letter, contact the Judge for fine assessment.

A plea of NOT GUILTY means you desire to be heard at trial. Include a copy of the citation with this letter indicating your desire to be heard by the Judge or by a jury at trial. You will be notified by mail of your court date. You must be present in court on your court date ready to give testimony.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PLEA BELOW, SIGN AND DATE THIS LETTER AND RETURN IT WITH A COPY OF THE CITATION

_____ I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive my right to a trial by jury.

_____ I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE and waive my right to a trial by jury.

_____ I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and desire a trial by the JUDGE____ or a trial by JURY____.

Signature of Defendant

Phone Number

Date

Address

STEPHENS COUNTY JUSTICE COURT FINE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Speeding Violations

This schedule is based on the miles per hour traveled over the posted speed limit.

1 thru 10 = \$200.00
11 thru 15 = \$225.00
16 thru 20 = \$250.00

21 thru 24 = \$285.00
Over 25 = \$350.00

Speeding in a construction zone, workers present, you **MUST** contact the Judge's office.

OTHER VIOLATIONS:FINE (INCLUDING COURT COST)
() Unsafe speed for failure to control speed (accident)	\$250.00
() No driver's license	\$215.00
() Expired driver's license	\$185.00
() Fail to display driver's license	\$150.00
() Violate driver's license restrictions	\$215.00
() Ran stop sign or red light	\$205.00
() Turn when unsafe (accident)	\$250.00
() Fail to yield right of way (R.O.W.)	\$195.00
() Fail to yield right of way (R.O.W.) (accident)	\$250.00
() Overtaking and passing violations	\$200.00
() Wrong side of road violations	\$200.00
() Equipment violations (lights, turn signals, etc.)	\$150.00
() Display expired license plates	\$150.00
() Operate unregistered vehicle	\$190.00
() Driving while license invalid/suspended.....	\$300.00
() Driver or rider not secured by safety belt	\$180.00
() Unrestrained child	\$205.00
() Violate promises to appear	\$300.00
() No liability insurance (1st offense)	\$360.00
() No liability insurance (2nd offense)	\$602.00
() All commercial driver's license violations	contact the Court
() All violations not listed	contact the Court

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE INFORMATION

You may be able to request that one charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course if your speed was not 25 mph or more above the speed limit. However, you will lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court on or before the appearance date of your desire to do so. Do not take a Defensive Driving Course until you contact the Court by telephone and receive instructions.
NOTE; ANY HOLDER OF A CDL LICENSE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE.

- Upon my request to take a Driver Safety Course I must provide the Court with:
- 1. A copy of my Valid TEXAS Drivers License.
 - 2. A copy of my Proof of liability Insurance.
 - 3. A \$111.00 NON-REFUNDABLE Court Cost and Administrative fee. (Money Order Only)
 - 4. Certified Driving Record from DPS in Austin. Type acceptable for defensive driving.

Do not take the course until the required information is sent to the court and you receive a referral form.

I understand my signature on the reverse side indicates I have not completed a driving safety course for the dismissal of a citation within the past 12 months. I understand if I fail to complete the course or fail to meet the Court dates, I will pay the fine assessed in order to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant. I affirm I am not in the process of taking a driving safety course nor have I completed a course for the dismissal of a violation which has not yet appeared on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. I will notify the Court if my address changes for any reason during this period.