



SMITHVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

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APPEARANCE & COMMUNICATION with this Court: Your signature on the citation is your promise to appear before this Court on or before the appearance date, which is the 10th working day from date of the citation. Telephone calls DO NOT constitute an appearance. A signed and notarized PLEA with payment, a driving safety course request (\$144.00) or a request for trial is acceptable if post marked by the 10th working day from the date the citation was issued. If convicted of an offense and the court determines that you are unable to pay the full amount, there are alternatives which may include a payment plan or community service. ***** Should you fail to respond by the "on or before" date then an additional charge of Failure to Appear/Violation of Promise to Appear will be filed against you ***** A warrant may be processed and issued for your arrest on all outstanding charges plus any and all costs and fees required to be paid. This will result in the denial of your driver's license renewal. Certified or registered mail is advisable if you wish to be able to prove that you have met all requirements in a timely manner.

MAILING & PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Your correct address information is your responsibility. All written communication will be mailed to the address on the citation, unless you notify this Court in writing that your address has been changed.

JUVENILE (at least 10 YOA to under 17 YOA): A juvenile charged with any offense, including alcohol or tobacco offenses, **MUST** have a parent/legal guardian contact this office regarding a court date and time, including jury and non-jury trials.

MINOR (under 21 YOA): A minor charged with any offense, including alcohol or tobacco offenses, **MUST** personally contact this office regarding a court date and time, including jury and non-jury trials.

FINE SCHEDULE:

SPEEDING 1-24 MPH OVER	\$163.00 + \$5.00 PER MILE OVER THE SPEED LIMIT
SPEEDING 25 MPH+ OVER	\$187.00 + \$5.00 PER MILE OVER THE SPEED LIMIT
SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONE	CONTACT THE COURT
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID/SUSPENDED	\$634.00
DISREGARD STOP SIGN OR RED LIGHT	\$226.00
LICENSE REQUIRED/EXPIRED LICENSE	\$176.00
DROVE WRONG WAY ON ONE WAY	\$226.00
FAIL TO YIELD ROW EMERGENCY VEHICLE	\$296.00
FAIL TO YIELD OFFENSES	\$226.00
FAIL TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	\$381.00 1 ST OFFENSE / \$501.00 2 ND OFFENSE
OPEN CONTAINER	\$271.00
EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	\$194.00
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	\$271.00
PASSED AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE	\$334.00
POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	\$271.00
SEAT BELT VIOLATION	CONTACT THE COURT

If you are charged with Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility, the charges may be dismissed if you present proof of valid liability insurance on the vehicle you were driving **at the time of the offense**. If you are charged with Expired Driver's License, the charges may be dismissed if you present proof of renewal to the court by mail or in person within 10 working days, a compliance dismissal remedy fee of \$20.00 is required. If charged with Expired Motor Vehicle Registration, the charge may be dismissed if you show proof to the court that the late registration penalty was paid to the County Tax Assessor/Collector and your registration has been renewed. A compliance dismissal remedy fee of \$20.00 is required.

If eligible, you may be able to have your charge dismissed by successfully completing a Driving Safety Course. The course may be used to dismiss only one moving violation every 12 months. You will lose that privilege if on or before your appearance date you do not provide the court with your request to take the course. If you are charged with speeding 25 MPH or more over the speed limit or at a speed of 95 MPH or greater or any non-moving violation you are **NOT** eligible for a Driving Safety Course. If you have a commercial driver's license, were in a construction zone with workers present, or were charged with a serious violation, then you are **NOT** eligible for a Driving Safety Course or Deferred Disposition. **DO NOT TAKE THE DRIVING SAFETY COURSE PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL.**

As per the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 45.0511, I hereby plead GUILTY or NO CONTEST. I request that the Court defer proceedings for 90 days so that I may complete an approved Driving Safety Course and present a certificate of course completion-TDLR approved and my certified driving record obtained from www.dps.texas.gov to the court.

SUBMIT this form along with a money order or cashier's check for \$144.00 or \$169.00 in a school zone, a copy of liab. insurance listing you as a covered driver, and your Texas driver's license to the Court **PRIOR** to taking a DSC.

I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license, permit, or I am active duty military. I was not charged with speeding 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit or at a speed 95 MPH or greater. I have not taken a driving safety course during the past 12 months. I am not in the process of taking a course for the dismissal of a ticket and I have not taken a driving safety course which is not currently reflected on my driving record. Under pain or penalty of perjury, I swear that the foregoing is true.

I ENTER A PLEA OF: GUILTY NO CONTEST and request to take a driving safety course

PAY CITATION >>> I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY NO CONTEST and wish to pay my citation. Pay by money order or cashier's check payable to: SMITHVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT. Pay by credit/debit card a 3.5% fee applies, online <https://trafficpayment.com> or call our office at (512) 237-3282 Opt. 4.

TRIAL REQUEST >>> I wish to enter a plea of NOT GUILTY. You have the right to a trial by Judge or by jury. Mail this reply form on or before your appearance date on the citation and the court will notify you of your court date.

TRIAL BY JUDGE (Waive my right to a jury trial) **TRIAL BY JURY**

SIGNATURE DRIVER'S LICENSE CITATION#

ADDRESS CITY State & Zip

Email phone #

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____,

Notary Public, Judge or Court Clerk

