

### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

# DeWitt County, Texas



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PLEASE NOTE: The Judge <u>CANNOT</u> discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial.

• PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY **BEFORE** CONTACTING THE COURT •

### - REPLY FORM -

CITATION NO.	PRINTED NAME:
CHECK ONE:	
	NOT GUILTY and request a trial by()Judge ()Jury. I will be ey(), I waive my right to be represented by an attorney().
	) GUILTY or ()NOLO CONTENDERE and waive appearance t to be represented by an attorney.
Signature)	· (date)
*****	Mail completed form to the Court above********

A Phone call is NOT AN APPEARANCE. You MUST enter a Plea in PERSON or WRITING.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF "NOT GUILTY" and desire a trial, please indicate your plea in the space provided. You will be notified by mail of your Court Date and Hearing.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF "GUILTY" or "NOLO CONTENDERE" (no contest), please indicate your plea in the space provided. The fine for NOLO CONTENDERE is the same as that for a plea of GUILTY. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the Court.

You may refer to the fine schedule on opposite page to determine the amount of the fine and costs. It will be necessary to contact the Court for the amount of fine and costs for any offense not appearing on the fine schedule. Make your remittance by CREDIT CARD, CASHIER'S CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY to the Justice of the Peace circled on page one of the information sheet. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED. Please return a copy of your citation along with the completed reply form to assure proper credit.

### ANY PAYMENT PLAN WITH A BALANCE REMAINING AFTER 30 DAYS WILL BE ASSESSED A ONE TIME FEE OF \$15.00.

#### DRIVING SAFETY COURSE INFORMATION:

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you MAY be able to have this charge dismissed by successfully completing a Driving Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Training Course. YOU WILL LOSE THAT RIGHT IF, ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE, YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Pay Court Costs Only \$144.00. Do Not Pay Fine Amount
- B. COMPLETELY fill out Affidavit (found on the back of this courtesy letter) and sign in front of a notary
- C. Submit request in person or by mail. If by mail, reply MUST be Postmarked
- ON or BEFORE appearance date on citation
- D. Enclose a copy of your valid Texas driver's license along with a copy of your citation.
- E. Enclose copy of proof of liability insurance
- F. Mail by Certified Mail Return receipt requested.

IF this is all received properly by Your Appearance Date, you will be granted permission and will receive paperwork to proceed with the Driving Safety Course. **DO NOT TAKE THE COURSE UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED.** You will have 90 days to complete the course and return necessary paperwork back to the court.

NOTES: A 30% delinquency fee will be added to all outstanding cases, after 60 days and will be sent to "Debt Collections" for collection. No one connected with the Justice Court receives any part of your fine. ALL FINE MONEY is deposited with the County.

## SCHEDULE OF FINES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 \*\*\* Juveniles 16 years or younger: Must set up court appearance with Judge\* \*\*

### SPEEDING:

1 to 10 MPH over	\$220.00	21 to 25 MPH over	\$280.00
11 to 15 MPH over	•	26 to 30 MPH over	\$290.00
16 to 20 MPH over	\$260.00	31 MPH and over	\$329.00

Moving violations committed in a "School Zone" or "Construction or Maintenance Work Zone" OR Violations resulting in accidents or that are not listed below Contact Proper Court for fines.

### OTHER VIOLATIONS

Cell Phone in School Zone -1st Offense  Disregard No Passing Zone	\$175.00
Disregard No Passing Zone	., \$200.00
Disregard Stop Sign / Signal	\$229.00
Driving While License Invalid	\$339.00
Expired or No Auto Registration	\$239.00
Fail to Control Speed - Accident	
Fail to Drive in a Single Lane	
Fail to Report Change of Address/Name on D.L	. \$176.00
Fail to Signal or Wrong Signal	
Fail to Yield Right of Way to Emergency Vehicle (1st Offense)	\$634.00
Fail to Yield Right of Way to Emergency Vehicle (2nd Offense)	
Failure to Display Driver's License	. \$229.00
Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (1st Offense)	\$420.00
Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (Subsequent)	
Failure to Report an Accident	\$229.00
MINOR IN POSSESSION	per Court
NO or Expired Drivers License	\$176.00
One/No License Plate	
Overtaking / Passing Violation	
Passing School Bus - Loading / Unloading - 1st Offense	\$1,379.00
Passing School Bus - Loading/ Unloading - 2nd Offense	\$1,929.00
Permitting Unlicensed Driver to Drive	\$190.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$426.00
Ride / Driver Not Secured by Safety Belt	\$179.00
Unsafe Speed -Accident	\$229.00
Violate Driver's License Restriction	\$229.00
Wireless Communication in a School Zone	
Wrong Side of the Road Passing	\$229.00

For Violations NOT listed, PLEASE contact the court for correct amount