

READ FRONT AND BACK BEFORE CONTACTING THE COURT!!!!

Judge of the Justice Court of McCulloch County

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Call the number listed above **ONLY** if you have a question concerning procedure.
(The date and time of your court appearance is located at the bottom of your ticket)

RESPONDING TO A TRAFFIC TICKET

If you do not want to appear in court: If you do not want to appear in court then you have the option of paying the fine by mail or by paying in person at the court where the ticket has been filed. On or before the appearance date, you can mail or bring to the court the plea form (found on reverse side) and the amount of the fine shown below. If fine is not found, call the number above.

If you want to plead NOT GUILTY and request a trial: If you wish to enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided on the reverse side of this form. Return this letter with your plea to Justice Court **no later than your appearance date** shown on the bottom of your citation. You will be notified by mail of the date of trial. Indicate whether you wish a trial by jury or trial before the judge. You have the right to a trial by jury if you so request.

If you want to take a Driving Safety Course: If you wish to take a Driving Safety Course for dismissal of a moving traffic violation, complete the Reply Form on the reverse side of this form indicating your request. You must return the reply/request form, a copy of your current insurance card, and a copy of your driving record, and driver's license and copy of the citation. These (5) things must arrive or be post marked **by the appearance date shown** at the bottom of your citation. **IMPORTANT:** This is a request and not automatic, you will receive notification by mail if you may proceed with taking the Driving Course for dismissal. If your request is granted you will receive notification by mail of the steps to take about mailing your certificate of completion and when and where to mail your court costs for dismissal. **Commercial Driver's License holders are not eligible for Driving Safety Course.**

Failure to Appear on Court Date: **If you fail to respond to this charge by the appearance date** shown on your citation, the court may issue a warrant for your arrest, suspend renewal of your driver's license and charge you with an additional offense for "Violation of Promise to Appear".

SCHEDULE OF FINES

1 – 5 MPH OVER.....	\$184.00
6 – 10 MPH OVER.....	\$209.00
11 -15 MPH OVER.....	\$234.00
16 – 20 MPH OVER.....	\$274.00
21 – 25 MPH OVER.....	\$294.00
26 – 30 MPH OVER.....	\$309.00
31 MPH OVER OR MORE.....	\$329.00

OFFENSES IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT: CONTACT OFFICE

Run stop sign/light	\$234.00
Fail to yield right of way	\$234.00
Wrong side of road	\$234.00
Pass in no-passing zone	\$234.00
Improper lane usage	\$194.00
Unsafe speed	\$234.00
Fail To Drive In Single Lane	\$234.00
Fail to control speed	\$234.00
Illegal/unsafe/improper turn	\$234.00
Following too closely	\$234.00
Expired registration/LP	\$184.00
<u>(Showing proof on or by court date \$10.00 dismissal fee)</u>	
Safety Seat System	\$160.00

<u>MIP (guardian must be present at court)</u>	\$299.00
Public Intoxication	\$302.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$479.00
Operate MV w/out License plate	\$184.00
Driving While License Invalid	\$334.00
No or expired driver's license	\$184.00
<u>(Showing proof on or by court date \$20.00 dismissal fee)</u>	
No commercial driver's license	\$299.00
Fail to slow down or move over	\$468.00
Fail to change address on D.L.	\$164.00
Violate DL restrictions	\$184.00
Defective or No head/tail/stop lights	\$184.00
Seat belt violation	\$184.00
No Liability Insurance	\$289.00
Open Container	\$299.00

Juveniles **17** years of age and under must contact the court with their parent or legal guardian on or before their appearance date as shown on the citation or be subject to having their driver's license suspended as required by law.
*****IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 21 AND RECEIVE AN ALCOHOL VIOLATION, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN...NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*****

REPLY FORM

Please read reverse page for instructions

Name as it appears on your driver's license: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Daytime phone number: _____ Date of birth: _____
Driver's License #: _____ Driver's License State: _____
Email address: _____

Plea (Check One):

1. _____ I hereby enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) and promise to pay in 30 days.

2. _____ I hereby enter a plea of ___ Nolo Contendere (No Contest) or ___ Guilty and waive appearance for judge or trial. My money order or cashier's check is enclosed, **payable to J.P. Court** OR
PAYMENT BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD: (requires a fee) Phone: 1-877-793-7971 OR
PAYMENT ON THE INTERNET: (requires a fee) www.mccullochcountytickets.com

3. _____ I hereby request a trial by (circle one) Judge or Jury and enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY**.

4. _____ I hereby enter a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) and request to take the Driving Safety Course (Art. 45.0511 CCP) **see below, Enclosed is a copy of my DRIVER'S LICENSE, COPY OF MY CURRENT INSURANCE CARD, COPY OF MY TICKET, AND A COPY OF MY DRIVING RECORD.** (Driving Records can be obtained at texas.gov and it should be a **TYPE 3A driving record**)
 Holders of a commercial driver's license are not eligible for Driver's Safety Course.

(X) _____ Date

*****DO NOT SEND COURT COSTS OR TAKE COURSE FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING BEFORE BEING APPROVED!!!*****

Driver Safety Course Information

Under the laws of the State of Texas (CCP Art. 45.0511), you may be able to request to take driving safety course or motorcycle operator-training course to dismiss one moving traffic violation charge. However, you must provide written notice to the court of your intent **on or before the appearance date** shown on your citation.

Qualifications for the Driver's Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Training Course:

1. You must have a valid, non-commercial Texas Driver's License.
2. You are not in the process of taking a driving safety course for dismissal of another citation.
3. You have not completed a course for another citation within the past 12 months.
4. You have current liability insurance or have complied with the financial responsibility requirements of Chap. 601 of the Texas Transportation Code.
5. The offense for which you are charged is **not** for speeding **95 MPH** or **25 MPH** over the posted speed limit.
6. You were not cited in a Construction Zone with Workers present.

To request ticket dismissal by taking the Driver's Safety Course: Send this completed reply form, a copy of your insurance card, and driver's license and driving record. **WAIT FOR APPROVAL FROM COURT**. If approved, you will receive a letter from the court advising of the next steps to take. The court confirmation letter will advise you of your timeline and where to send the appropriate paperwork and cashier's check or money order. If all requirements are not completed timely, the balance of the fine will be due and the case will be reported as a conviction to the Texas Department of Public Safety.