



JUDGE JOSEPH HARRIS
Justice of the Peace
Sutton County
P.O. Box 165
Sonora, Texas 76950
(325) 387-3322

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm

Tue. and Thur. will be Administrative days

after 3pm(NO CALLS/WALK-INS ONLY)

READ THE COURTESY LETTER CAREFULLY BEFORE CONTACTING THE COURT

This courtesy letter is to inform you of your options and assist you with the charge(s) filed against you. If you have any questions the Court can be reached at the above number for further assistance. **IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CALL THE COURT.** Failure to respond or Failure to pay the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against you in the manner prescribed by the Court may result in a **FAILURE TO APPEAR** and a **HOLD BEING PLACED ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE** preventing you from being able to renew it and your case being **TURNED OVER TO COLLECTIONS**. All pleas, payments or request mailed to the Court **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE APPEARANCE DATE.**

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PLEAS

- GUILTY** - I waive my right to trial; enclosed is the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against me.
- NOLO CONTENDERE** - I am not admitting guilt, but do not contest the charges against me, and waive my right to a trial; enclosed is the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against me
- NOT GUILTY** - I understand that I will be notified by return mail of a Court date set for my trial. I understand I have the right to a trial by Judge or Jury and that I must request this prior to the Court date. I am requesting trial by: () Judge or () Jury. **(If pleading not guilty you may not discuss the details of your case with the Judge prior to trial.)**

MAIL COMPLETED COURTESY LETTER ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE CITATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

Sutton County J.P.
P.O. Box 165
Sonora, Texas 76950

PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and will be returned. Only a **MONEY ORDER** or **CASHIERS CHECK** payable to **SUTTON COUNTY J.P.** will be accepted, please **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Citation Number: _____

FINE and COURT COST

Speeding - Trucks, Recreational Vehicles, and Combination Vehicles (towing trailers).....	\$315.00
Speeding - Passenger Vehicles and Light Trucks: 1-9 mph over posted speed limit.....	\$215.00
10-14 mph over posted speed limit	\$265.00
15 mph or More over posted speed limit	\$315.00
Unrestrained Child under 8 yrs. first offense	\$235.00
Unrestrained Child under 8 yrs. second offense	\$285.00
Unrestrained Child - 8 to 17 yrs.	\$235.00
Adult Seatbelt Violation	\$165.00
Fail to Move Over or Yield Right of Way to Stationary or Emergency Vehicle	\$315.00
No or Expired Motor Vehicle Registration	\$215.00
Fictitious Motor Vehicle Inspection or Registration	\$330.00
No Valid or Suspended Driver's License	\$280.00
Expired or Failure to Display Driver's License	\$185.00
Permitting an Unlicensed Adult to Drive	\$215.00
Permitting an Unlicensed Minor to Drive.....	\$315.00
No Liability Insurance (1 st Offense)	\$280.00
No Liability Insurance (2 nd Offense)	\$480.00
Drive in Left When Not Passing/Prohibited	\$215.00
Unauthorized Use of glass coating (Legal - 25% VLI).....	\$190.00
Other Violations.....	Please contact Court Clerk

Alternative methods to payment of the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against you include:

***Payment plan:** Payment Plans include a **\$15.00 time payment fee** that must be assessed for any amount paid more than 30 days after your Plea or Judgement. You **MUST** contact the Court to make a payment agreement.

***Indigent:** If you are indigent (lack sufficient resources to pay) you are entitled to a waiver of the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against you. You will be required to provide proof of indigence, which can be done either by providing a Notarized Affidavit of Indigence to the Court or an indigency Hearing. **WARNING** the Affidavit of indigence is a sworn legal document that you are swearing to **UNDER PENALTY OF PURJURY** that the information you provide is true and correct.

- **To discharge all or part of the fine and costs assessed against me due to lack of resources to pay I am requesting an:** () Affidavit of indigence be mailed to me or () I request an indigency Hearing.

***Community Service:** **BEFORE** you will be approved to do Community Service you will be required to provide an Affidavit of Indigence to the Court. If you are found to be indigent you may be allowed to do Community Service to discharge all or part of the fine and costs assessed against you. If approved you will get a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of Community Service performed. You may discharge an obligation to perform community service by paying the fine and costs assessed against you. **WARNING** the Affidavit of indigence is a sworn legal document that you are swearing to **UNDER PENALTY OF PURJURY** that the information you provide is true and correct.

- **To discharge all or part of the fine and costs assessed against me I am requesting to do Community Service and I request an:** () Affidavit of indigence be mailed to me or () I request an indigency Hearing.

***Driver's Safety Course:** If you are eligible you may request to take a Driver's Safety Course to dismiss a moving violation. The required items and plea listed above must be mailed to the Court and be **POST MARKED ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE ON THE CITATION** or you may lose the right to take a Driver's Safety Course.

FAILURE TO FURNISH ALL OF THE REQUIRED DRIVING SAFETY COURSE ITEMS TO THE COURT FOR APPROVAL WILL RESULT IN YOUR REQUEST BEING DENIED.

Requirements for Driving Safety Course Under T.C. 45.0511

1. Copy of your **Valid Texas Driver's License** (or active duty military status).
2. Copy of your **Liability Insurance** (must include policy#, agents name & phone #, and be valid on date of violation).
3. A copy of your **Citation**.
4. **Cashier's Check** or **Money Order (No Personal Checks)** for **\$144.00, DO NOT INCLUDE FINE AMOUNT**.
5. Copy of your **Driving Record (Type 3A)** that may be purchased thru **TXDPS** and printed on-line at www.texas.gov.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO TAKE A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE TO DISMISS A VIOLATION:

1. **CDL** (Commercial driver's license) holders.
2. Speeding in a **Construction or Maintenance Zone with workers present**.
3. Speeding **95 mph or more**.
4. Speeding **25 mph or more over the posted speed limit**.
5. If you have taken a Driving Safety Course **within the past 12 months**.
6. **Non-Texas** Driver's License Holders

DO NOT take a course without WRITTEN APPROVAL from the Court.

I hereby enter a plea of guilty (), or no contest () and request to take the Driving Safety Course. I understand upon receiving **WRITTEN APPROVAL** I will have to **COMPLY** with the terms stated on the Court Order and will **NOT** be granted an extension. I also understand if I **FAIL TO SUBMIT** a Driving Safety Course Completion Certificate by the date on the Court Order an additional fee of **\$200.00** may be added and a **CONVICTION** may be noted on my Driving record.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Ticket Number: _____ City/State/Zip: _____