



**JUDGE JOSEPH HARRIS
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
SUTTON COUNTY
P.O. BOX 165
SONORA, TEXAS 76950
(325) 387-3322**

Mon. - Fri.
8:00am-4:30pm
Closed Holidays

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This courtesy letter is to assist you in disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. If you understand the information provided it is not necessary to call. If you have questions, please contact the Court and we will be glad to assist you. You have 3 options listed below, and you **MUST RESPOND BY THE APPEARANCE DATE** on the citation. Failure to respond, or Failure to pay the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against you in the manner ordered by the Court will result in the **DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENCE**.

Check one of the following pleas, fill out the following information and mail it along with a copy of the citation to:

**Sutton county J.P.
P.O. Box 165
Sonora, Texas 76950**

1. _____ GUILTY - I waive my right to trial and I am enclosing the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against me.
2. _____ NOLO CONTENDERE - I am not admitting guilt, but do not contest the charges against me and waive my right to trial. I am enclosing the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against me.
3. _____ 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 trial by Judge or Jury and that I must request this prior to the Court date. I am requesting trial by: () Judge () Jury. (If pleading not guilty, you may **NOT** discuss your case with the Judge prior to your trial.)

PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, and will be returned to you. Only a **MONEY ORDER** or **CASHIERS CHECK** payable to: **SUTTON COUNTY J.P.** will be accepted.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Citation Number (located at top): _____

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

Payment plan: Payment Plans include a \$25.00 time payment fee that must be assessed for any amount paid more than 30 days after your judgement. You **MUST** contact the Court to make a payment agreement.

Community Service: Community Service is unpaid work that benefits society and allows you to dispose of the amount assessed for the charge(s) filed against you. You will get a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of community service performed. You **MUST** contact the Court for approval.

Indigent: If performing community service imposes an undue hardship and 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 indigency, which can be done either by providing a notarized Affidavit of Indigency to the Court or an Indigency Hearing. Warning the Affidavit of Indigency which will be required with either option is a sworn legal document that you are swearing to **UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY** that the information you provide is true and correct. I am indigent and request: () Affidavit of Indigency be mailed to me () 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 if written request is in the Judge's Office by the appearance date on the citation. You will lose this right if you do not provide written request and the required following documentation by the appearance date on the citation. Failure to comply with any part will result in a denial. **(SEE BACKSIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS)**

Violations: (All violations include court cost)

Speeding - Trucks, Recreational Vehicles, and Combination Vehicles

(towing trailers)\$300.00

Speeding - Passenger Vehicles and Light Trucks:

1-9 mph over posted speed limit\$200.00

10-14 mph over posted speed limit\$250.00

15 mph or More over posted speed limit\$300.00

Unrestrained Child under 8 yrs first offense\$200.00

Unrestrained Child under 8 yrs second offense\$250.00

Unrestrained Child - 8 to 17 yrs\$200.00

Adult Seatbelt Violation.....\$150.00

No or Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection.....\$200.00

No or Expired Motor Vehicle Registration.....\$200.00

Fictitious Motor Vehicle Inspection or Registration.....\$300.00

No Valid or Suspended Driver's License.....\$267.00

Expired or Failure to Display Driver's License.....\$167.00

Permitting An Unlicensed Adult to Drive.....\$200.00

Permitting An Unlicensed Minor to Drive.....\$300.00

No Liability Insurance (1st Offense).....\$267.00

No Liability Insurance (2nd Offense).....\$467.00

Drive In Left When Not Passing/Prohibited.....\$200.00

Unauthorized Use of glass coating (Legal-25% VLT) \$175.00

Other Violations.....Please contact court clerk

Requirements for Driving Safety Course Under T.C. 45.0511

1. Copy of your Valid Texas Drivers License (or active duty military status).
2. Copy of your Liability Insurance (must include policy #, agents name & phone #, and be valid prior to date of violation).
3. A copy of your citation.
4. **Cashiers check or Money Order (NO PERSONAL CHECKS)** in the amount of **\$110.10** (please do not include fine).
5. Submit a copy of your driving record (Type 3A) thru Tex. Dept of Public Safety. Record may be purchased and printed on-line at www.texasonline.com.
Please allow 2-3 weeks for your **Approval/Denial** from the court after meeting the above requirements.

The following are **NOT ELIGIBLE for DRIVING SAFETY COURSE:**

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

I hereby enter a plea of guilty (), or no contest () and request to take the Driving Safety course. I understand upon receiving approval I will have to **comply** with the terms stated on the Court Order letter and will **not** be granted an extension. I also understand if I **fail** to submit a Driving Safety Course Completion Certificate an additional fee of **\$200.00** will be added and a **conviction** will be noted on my Driving record.

Signature _____ Printed Name: _____

Date _____ Current Address: _____

Ticket Number _____ City/State/Zip: _____