

You received a citation in Taylor County, TEXAS

Now What?

1. First, you will need to enter a plea.

NOT GUILTY: You desire a trial, with or without a jury. With this plea you will be set up for a pre-trial conference with the Assistant District Attorney to discuss your options. If the pre-trial conference does not resolve the matter, a trial will be set. You must be present in court for your trial or warrants may be issued for your arrest.

GUILTY or NO CONTEST: Either plea indicates that you are waiving your right to trial and you chose to pay the fine and court costs for your citation.

If you are choosing to plea GUILTY or NO CONTEST see step 2. If you are making a plea of NOT GUILTY see Reply Form.

2. Second, how would you like to handle your fine?

You may:

a. **PAY YOUR FINE IN FULL:** In office: Cash, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. (Some offices take Credit/Debit also.) **By Mail:** Cashier's Check or Money Order **By Phone:** **1-866-549-1010** or **Online:** www.certifiedpayments.net

TO PAY BY PHONE OR ONLINE YOU WILL NEED THE AMOUNT, YOUR CASE NUMBER AND BUREAU CODE FOR THE CORRECT COURT. CALL YOUR COURT TO GET THE CASE NUMBER AND VERIFY YOUR FINE.

b. **REQUEST A PAYMENT PLAN:** You may fill out an application in office or online at www.taylorcountytexas.org

c. **REQUEST COMMUNITY SERVICE:** This request must be made by contacting the court. This is credited at \$12.50 per hour. (Your fine/12.50 = Hours required)

d. **REQUEST DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE TO DISMISS YOUR CASE:** To see if you qualify see step 3.

3. Drivers Safety Course – DO YOU QUALIFY?

- a. I am requesting DSC on or before my 'appear by' date.
- b. My citation is for a moving violation. (Highlighted on reverse).
- c. I was not in a construction zone with workers present.
- d. I have a valid TX driver's license or I am active military or a dependent. (NON CDL DRIVERS ONLY).
- e. I have not taken a DSC in the last 12 months nor am I currently enrolled in one.
- f. I was NOT going more than 24 mph over the posted speed limit or not going more than 94 mph.
- g. I have proof of liability insurance (proof will need to be provided to court).
- h. I am paying \$112.00 court cost at the time of request. Payment options listed above.
- i. I have signed and had notarized the affidavit for DSC on the reply form.
- j. I have entered a plea of NO CONTEST on the reply form.

TAYLOR COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS

PRECINCT 1-1

325-674-1338

Hon. Mike McAuliffe
Old Taylor Co. Courthouse
301 Oak Street, Ste. 611
Abilene, TX 79602
Bureau Code: 7971055

PRECINCT 1-2

325-674-1267

Hon. Sparky Dean
Old Taylor Co. Courthouse
301 Oak Street, Ste. 612
Abilene, TX 79602
Bureau Code: 1876657

PRECINCT TWO

325-928-5114

Hon. Bob Jones
PO Box 225
Merkel, TX 79536
Bureau Code: 1311950

PRECINCT THREE

325-554-7893

Hon. Bobby Shea
PO Box 361
Tuscola, TX 79562
Bureau Code: 5344767

PRECINCT FOUR

325-583-2341

Hon. Frank Cleveland
PO Box 5 155 Main St.
Lawn, TX 79530
Bureau Code: 9691784

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

YOUR SIGNATURE on the traffic citation you received is a legal commitment to appear before the Court. This may be done in person, or by signing and mailing the REPLY portion to the appropriate Court. If you do not respond on or before the appearance date noted on the bottom of your citation, an additional charge may be filed against you, which can carry a FINE OF UP TO \$500. You may also be prevented from renewing your license, sent to collections or have Warrants issued for your arrest. **If you hold an out-of-state driver's license**, failure to comply with this citation could result in suspension of your driver's license in the state of issuance.

Use the schedule below to determine the amount of your fine.

Contact the court if your violation is not listed below.

If you were speeding up to 15 MPH over the posted speed limit your fine is \$112 + \$5 per mile over the posted speed limit. Example: If you were ticketed for 80 MPH in a 70 MPH zone, your fine would be \$112 + \$50 (\$5 x 10 MPH over the limit) which equals \$162. This formula only applies to speeding violations up through 15 MPH over the posted limit.

Speeding 16-20 MPH over Posted Speed Limit	\$222	Speeding 21 MPH and over Posted Speed Limit	\$302
Unsafe or Failure to Control Speed	\$202	Fail to Drive in Single Lane/Lane Change Violation	\$202
Stop Sign or Light/Right of Way Violation	\$182	Fail to Slow or Move over for Emergency Vehicles	\$302
Registration or Equipment Violation	\$152	No Driver's License (First Offense)	\$269
No Seatbelt	\$152	Unrestrained Child (First Offense)	\$182
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$369	Open Container-Alcohol	\$369
Driving While License Invalid (First Offense)	\$369	Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility	\$362
Driving While License Invalid (Second Offense)	\$569		



REPLY FORM

PRINT NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

PLEA: NOT GUILTY GUILTY NO CONTEST (To request DSC, this must be notarized)

Signature of Violator _____ Today's Date _____

DSC ONLY: I swear that I have not taken a Driver's Safety Course within the last 12 months or am not taking one currently, for the dismissal of a traffic charge.

Sworn & subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public