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JUSTICE COURT COURTESY LETTER

This Letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Uvalde County to assist you in processing the charge filed against you.

- PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct)
 This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you before the trial except for procedural questions.
- If you FAIL TO RESPOND to the charges BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, an additional charge may be filed against you
 for <u>Violate Promise To Appear</u> with the warrant issued for your arrest. (WARRANT FEES OF \$50.00 will be issued on each charge for EXECUTING
 OR PROCESSING A WARRANT.)
- 3. A JUVENILE who fails to appear by the time and date on a citation may have their license suspended as required by law (Transportation Code Section 729.001). (Juveniles MUST be accompanied by parent or guardian for TRAFFIC & NON TRAFFIC OFFENSE.)
- 4. If you wish to ENTER a PLEA OF GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charges against you. The fine and conviction for a Nolo Contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of Guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial.

Refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court.

(These fines apply only to cases handled prior to court trial or judgment being entered.) RETURN A COPY OF THE CITATION AND

THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT.

- 5. If you wish to enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, advise the court by checking **#4** on the Reply Form on or before the appearance date. You will be notified by the court when to appear for trial and any specific requirements of the court concerning bail requirements, ect.
- 6. DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (CCP Art. 45.0511, Driving Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Course Dismissal Procedures): (HOLDERS of a CDL are NOT eligible for DSC.)
 - A. You may be able to require that this charge be dismissed upon successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. You will lose that right if, on or before your appearance date, you do not provide the court with notice of your request to take the course.
 - B. A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IF:
 - 1. You submit your application for the Driving Safety Course and it is approved by the Court.
 - You are charged with a moving traffic violation other than 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit, passing a school bus, construction zone violations w/workers present, or certain offenses involving traffic accidents;
 - 3. You have <u>not</u> used this option for a ticket with an offense date, the date you broke the law, that is 1 year from the offense date of your current ticket.
 - 4. You have a valid Texas Driver License other than a Commercial Driver License and you provide the court a copy.
 - 5. You provide the court with proof of liability insurance that complies with state law.
 - 6. You pay the court cost of the ticket (\$132.10) in the form of a Cash, Credit/Debit Card, Cashier's Check, Money Order made out to Uvalde County Justice of the Peace.
 - 7. The Court needs to receive items requested in <u>lines #1, #4, #5 and #6</u>, on or before your appearance date shown on your ticket. You then have 90 days from the date you received your ticket to complete a Driving Safety Course and provide a Certified Copy of your Driving Record from DPS.
 - a. Obtain a copy of your driving record. You may do this online at www.texaonline.com with a credit card or completing the DPS form (available at www.txdps.state.tx.us) by following the instructions written on the form.
 - b. Complete a Driving Safety Course that is state approved. (A list is available at www.tea.state.tx.us/drive/.)

Pay By Cash, Credit Cards, Money Order or Cashier's Check NO PERSONAL CHECKS Payable to: JP precinct number indicated on your ticket

To pay online or by phone, call the appropriate Justice of the Peace office

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES (Including Court Costs) APPLICABLE TO MOST MOTOR VEHICLES

This schedule applies fines paid on or before your appearance date

¢204.00

CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE COURT (IN PERSON OR IN WRITING) FOR:

- 1. Charges or fines not listed
- 2. Fines for any offense which occurred in school zone
- 3. CONSTRUCTION ZONE VIOLATIONS (w/ workers present)
- 4. Commercial overweight truck fines MAY exceed \$7,000

SPEEDING OVER THE LIMIT

1 mpn to 3 mpn	\$204.90
4 mph to 5 mph	\$209.90
6 mph to 8 mph	\$214.90
9 mph to 11 mph	\$219.90
12 mph to 14 mph	\$229.90
15 mph to 17 mph	
18 mph to 20 mph	
21 mph to 24 mph	
Over 25 mph	contact Judge

OTHER VIOLATIONS

Disregard Stop Sign / Traffic Light/ Traffic Control Device	
Racing or Contest of Speed	
Passing Violations(Except Emergency Vehicles)	
Illegal or Improper Turn	\$238.00
*No Driver's License	\$219.00
Expired Driver's License	\$188.00
Operate Unregistered / Expired Vehicle Registration	\$168.00
No Valid Inspection Certificate	\$183.00
Fail to Stop for School BusFirst Offense Contact Court in Perso	n or in Writing
No Approved Motorcycle Helmet When Required	
**No Liability InsuranceFirst Offense	\$368.00
Seat Belt Violation(Driver)	
Unrestrained Child or Child Safety Seat ViolationContact Court in Person of	or in Writing
Alcoholic Beverage Code ViolationsContact Court in Person of	or in Writing
Violate Promise to Appear (Traffic) Contact Court in Person c	or in Writing

^{*}Charges will be dismissed upon presentation of a valid driver's license or a hunter education certificate (if applicable) to the Court, provided the license was valid at the time the Citation was issued, and is presented to the Court within 10 days from the date the Citation was issued.

Please Note: Neither the Justice Court nor the officer issuing the citation receives any portion of your fine(s). All such fines are deposited in the Uvalde County Treasury.

Plea Must Be Made In Writing or In Person On or Before Your Appearance Date

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REPLY FORM

<u>Mail to Justice Court Marked on the reverse side of the letter</u> Enclose a copy of the Citation and <u>Your</u> Driver's License with your reply.

You are required to keep the court advised of your mailing address until the case is disposed.

PLEASE PRINT Name(as appe		
Citation #		Date of Citation
Date cited to a	ippear	Driver's License #
Mailing Addre	ss	
City		StateZip Code
Home Phone ‡	‡()	Cell Phone # ()
	C	omplete either A or B below
A. PLEA FO Check One:	RM	
☐ 1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4.	amount of the find is enclo I hereby enter a plea of NO ORDER in the amount of the	
Signed this	·	Signature of Defendant
B. DRIVING		Driving Safety Course CCP Art. 45.0511. Enclosed is my notarized request, proof ppy of my driver's license, and a cashier's check or money order in the amount
	My Plea is: □Guilty	□Nolo Contendere
limit; or a speed and am not in the reflected on my I understand the to the court before I understand the	of 95 mph or more and that ne process of taking such a co driving record in this state or at I will be charged court cost ore my charge will be dismisse	ts and a dismissal fee and that these fees are non-refundable and must be paid ed. iving Safety Course unless I provide proof of liability insurance as required by
		Signature of Defendant - Under penalty of perjury

^{**} Charges will be dismissed upon presentation of evidence of Liability Insurance to the Court, provided the insurance was valid at the time the citation was issued and is verified by the Court.