

CITY OF HAMILTON MUNICIPAL COURT

Judge Kristina Rojas-Stompel
200 East Main Street
Hamilton TX 76531
254-386-8116 x 3 FAX 254-386-3508

pay online --> www.hamiltontexas.com
Initial payment-card used **must** be in your name
email address --> court@cityhamiltontx.gov

PLEASE READ --- YOU MUST RESPOND BY THE APPEARANCE DATE ON YOUR CITATION.

You may take care of most court tasks by mail, email or fax. **If you do not want to appear in person**, you may pay online or by mail with a check/money order using Option 1 below. The judgement & sentence for the offense charged is a payment of fine & costs. If unable to pay this amount in full, the Court is required to provide other ways for you to discharge the fine & costs. Options are: Additional time to pay in full/Pay specified amount in designated payments. The Court will determine if you have insufficient resources/income for community service. (Effective 9-1- 2021) You may be entitled to a credit of \$150 per day toward any fine or costs owed if you were confined to jail or prison after the commission of this offense. Defendant must provide proof to the Court. **If you want to see the Judge**, contact the Court. **If you want to request a trial**, Option #2, you may enter the appropriate plea below, mail or email this form with a copy of your driver license. You will be notified of your court date. Deferral Options #3 & #4 are on the back. →

Mandatory Court Appearance for Minors (under 21) alcohol & tobacco & **Juveniles** (under 17) must appear with a parent/guardian. Contact the Court.

If involved in an accident, contact the Court before sending payment. School & Construction Zone Offenses or any other not listed, contact the Court. 254-386-8116 x 3

1-7 miles over	\$188	Unsafe Speed	\$173	Seat Belt-Under 8 Yrs < 4'9"	\$160
8-14 miles over	\$228	Fail Yield Right of Way	\$233	At Least 8 & under 17 Yrs	\$241
15-20 miles over	\$268	Fail Yield ROW-Emergency Veh	\$330	No Seat Belt-Adult	\$160
21 + miles over	\$328	Fail to STOP for School Bus	\$660	Dog at Large	\$181
Passing Certain Veh	\$333	Disregard School Cross Guard	\$310	No City Dog/Cat Tag	\$116
Driving Without Valid DL	\$192	Use Wireless Device Sch Zone	\$260	Unnecessary Noise	\$181
Driving While Lisc Invalid	\$195	Failure Maintain Financial Resp	\$362	Permit Weeds/Rubbish	\$181
Fail Display DL on Request	\$181	Dismissed on proof ins effective @ time of stop		Allow Junk Vehicle	\$181
Disregard STOP Sign	\$208	Expired Registration	\$173	Public Intoxication	\$222
Disregard Red Light	\$235	Expired Dr License	\$173	Theft under \$100	\$181
Disregard Traffic Device	\$235	Defective Lights	\$185	Poss Drug Para	\$372
Passing NO Passing Zone	\$333	Fail Change Address on DL	\$116	Assault by Contact	\$286
Open Cont-Alc Bev in Veh	\$221	MAY be dismissed upon remedy -Contact Court		Disorderly Conduct Fight	\$286

NAME _____ CITATION # _____ OFFENSE _____

ADDRESS (mailing) _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____ Ph# _____

Signature _____ DL# _____ Date _____ Email _____

If mailing, this must be postmarked on or before the **appearance date** indicated at the bottom of your citation. Mail all correspondence to the address above. **If you fail to respond to your citation by the appearance date indicated**, you will be set for a hearing before the Judge. If you fail to appear at this hearing, an additional charge of Failure to Appear will be filed against you, warrants may be issued for your arrest, & as a result you may be ineligible to renew your driver's license.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OPTION:

Option #1 Payment of fine/costs - Make checks/money orders payable to the City of Hamilton. (choose one)

_____ I enter a plea of no contest, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing before the Court & agree to pay the fines & costs assessed by the Judge. I have enclosed payment. I understand this will be reported to my driving record.

_____ I enter a plea of guilty, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing before the Court & agree to pay the fines & costs assessed by the Judge. I have enclosed payment. I understand this will be reported to my driving record.

Money orders & personal checks are accepted. *Online payment available at www.hamiltontexas.com

Option #2 Request for Trial (choose one)

_____ I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY & request a trial by jury. I understand the Court will notify me of a trial date. I acknowledge, if I fail to appear at trial, I may be charged with Failure to Appear, fined up to \$500 plus court costs, arrest warrants will be issued, and I may be ordered to pay the costs of summoning a jury. I will advise the Court of any address changes.

_____ I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, waive my right to a jury trial, & request a trial before the Judge (bench trial). I understand the Court will notify me of a trial date. I acknowledge, if I fail to appear at trial, I may be charged with Failure to Appear, be fined up to \$500 plus court costs, warrants will be issued for arrest. I will advise the Court of address changes.

OPTION # 3 Request a Driver Safety Course Deferral – pursuant to Texas C.C.P. Art.45.0511

You may request this option for a dismissal **IF** eligible. You have the right, once a year to have a moving traffic violation dismissed, **IF** you meet the criteria. **However, you lose that right, IF you fail to postmark or submit this request on or before the appearance date on your citation!** You must find each of the following statements TRUE to be eligible. **Enclose copy of driver's license & insurance.** **Please enclose a stamped self - addressed envelope.**

Circle True or False for each statement to determine your eligibility.

- T F **I possess a valid TEXAS driver's license** or Military ID active duty, or am the spouse/dependent of active-duty military.
- T F **I have enclosed a copy of my driver's license or military ID.** I do NOT have a CDL license.
- T F **I have not taken** a Driver's Safety Course in the past 12 months to have a traffic violation dismissed, that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by Texas Dept. of Public Safety.
- T F **I was NOT charged** with Speeding 25 mph/more above the posted speed limit, speeding 95 mph/more, leaving the scene of an accident, failing to give information at the scene, fleeing/attempting to elude the Police, Reckless Driving, passing a school bus, or cited in a construction zone with workers present.
- T F **I have enclosed a copy of my Liability Auto Insurance, listing me as a covered driver.**
- T F **I have enclosed payment of \$144.00 (\$169.00 for school zone offenses).** I do NOT pay the full amount listed on the other side.

I _____, state under oath, on the date of this request, I was not taking such a course, nor have I completed one under Texas C.C.P. Art.45.0511 within the preceding 12 months from the date of my current offense that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by Texas DPS. I enter a plea of no contest to this offense & waive my right to a jury trial. I understand, if not completed in 90 days, I will be set for a hearing before the Judge. I understand, I DO NOT take the course prior to submitting this request. The Court will send documentation on my request approval. I will have 90 days to complete the course & submit a current copy of my driving record to the Court on or before the due date.

MUST BE NOTARIZED

_____ Defendant's Signature

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

MAIL TO ADDRESS ON REVERSE SIDE

OPTION #4 Request for Deferred Disposition – pursuant to Texas C.C.P. Art. 45.051

You may request a deferral on a moving traffic violation for dismissal, IF eligible.

A DRIVER SAFETY COURSE IS REQUIRED WITH THIS DEFERRAL! Moving Violations ONLY. Please PRINT legibly.

NAME _____ CITATION # _____ OFFENSE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY ST ZIP _____

ADDRESS (mailing) _____ CITY ST ZIP _____

Ph# _____ DL # _____ Email _____

You MUST postmark or submit this request on or before the appearance date on your citation. **MAIL TO ADDRESS ON REVERSE SIDE**
Circle True or False for each statement to determine your eligibility.

- T F **I do NOT have a CDL driver's license. I have enclosed a copy of my driver's license.**
- T F **I have enclosed a copy of my current driving record.**
- T F **I was NOT cited for** Speeding 25/more above the posted speed limit, cited in a Construction Zone with Workers Present, cited for Passing a School Bus or Authorized Emergency Vehicle, cited for Leaving the Scene of an Accident or involved in accident.
- T F **I have enclosed full payment of \$ _____ plus the special expense deferral fee of \$125. (contact the Court for full amount)**
- T F **I understand the terms of this deferral are:** submit completion of driver safety course & receive no traffic convictions during this deferral period.

I hereby enter a plea of no contest, waive my right to a jury trial or trial before the Judge, & request deferred disposition. I understand if my request is approved, I will be placed on deferral of 90 days. I fully understand the terms of this deferral.

Signature _____

Date _____

Money orders & personal checks are accepted. *Online payment available at www.hamiltontexas.com