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27.14 PLEA

My name is: _____ and I am the defendant in the above-entitled and numbered matter. I understand that I am charged with the offense of _____, a Class C misdemeanor, and that any fine and initial costs that might be assessed against me on conviction are: \$_____. I waive my right to a Jury Trial

DECLARATION OF ABILITY TO PAY (REQUIRED only check one):

- I AM NOT INDIGENT**, and am able to pay any fine and costs assessed.
- I AM INDIGENT**. I request a Sworn Affidavit of Inability to Pay the amount of any fine and costs due.

WRITTEN PLEA (REQUIRED only check one):

- NOLO CONTENDERE ("No Contest")**. I agree not to dispute the charge and pay the fine and court costs.
- GUILTY**. I admit I committed the offense charged and agree to pay the fine and court costs.

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO DEFENSIVE DRIVING (IF APPLICABLE):

- If the charge against me is for a **TRAFFIC OFFENSE** eligible for discharge through a Driving Safety Course, I waive that right.

ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINES AND COSTS

A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment if the defendant is unable to pay the fine or costs, in whole or in part. *The Court in which the conviction is entered should be contacted for details on how to pursue these available alternatives, including arranging for a hearing or other inquiry before the judge to make the determination of inability to pay.*

The alternative methods available to the defendant include:

- 1) **A payment plan**. A defendant may be permitted to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals over time. *NOTE: If any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs, then a \$25 time payment fee must be assessed.*
- 2) **Disposition of the amount assessed by performing community service**. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for performing community service as a means to satisfy the judgment in whole or in part. *See Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.*
- 3) **Possible waiver of the fine and costs**. If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay may be granted a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.

I ACKNOWLEDGE I MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF MY DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH THIS FORM.

Defendant's signature _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Address, Apt. or Lot # _____ City, State ZIP _____