

THE STATE OF TEXAS vs

IN THE JUSTICE COURT  
PRECINCT 4  
DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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Name

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Mailing Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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**DEFENDANT'S PLEA**

**PLEA to the offense of \_\_\_\_\_, case number \_\_\_\_\_.**

- I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, and acknowledge the following: **I ACKNOWLEDGE** that this Court, in accordance with Art. 28.01 of the TEX. CODE of CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, requires that I (and my attorney, if any) attend a pre-trial hearing to confer directly with the Assistant District Attorney about this Citation, and to consider for a hearing before this Court, if necessary, any unresolved pre-trial matters governed by statute. Upon my plea of NOT GUILTY, my signature below is my **promise to appear** on the **PRE-TRIAL HEARING DATE** furnished to me by the Court. **I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MY FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR THE PRE-TRIAL HEARING CAN RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST**
- I enter a plea of GUILTY and waive my right to a trial by Judge or by jury.
- I enter a plea of NO CONTEST and waive my right to a trial by Judge or by jury.

**ABILITY TO PAY (in the event of a plea of Guilty or No Contest): [SEE "ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT" below for those who are financially unable to pay and request, as necessary, a Judge determination of inability.]**

- I am able to pay the fine and costs and will pay them in full immediately.
- I am unable to pay the fine and costs and request a payment plan.
- I am unable to pay the fine and costs and request a hearing seeking to discharge all or part of the fine or costs by performing community service, or by waiver if determined by the Judge.

**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 \$15 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 for full details.*
- 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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_