

Case or Ticket No. (required):

IN THE JUSTICE COURT
PRECINCT 4
DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

Email

Southwest Courthouse
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Flower Mound, Texas 76226
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DEFENDANT'S PLEA

PLEA to the offense of (required) _____:

- I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, and exercise my right to a jury trial.
- I enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, and waive my right to a jury trial. By waiving this right I understand that I am electing to have the court hear the evidence in this case and determine whether I am guilty or not guilty of the charged offense.

If you plead not guilty and fail to appear for trial: additional charges may be filed, warrant(s) may be issued for your arrest, and an order may be issued requiring you to pay the costs of impaneling a jury (\$720).

- 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.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Defendant's Signature