

MARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD – COURTESY LETTER

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HOURS: Monday-Friday 8a-5p Closed 12p-1p for Lunch

NO CASH OR NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED

MONEY ORDERS, CASHIERS CHECKS, or CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS ONLY

MUST BE PAYABLE TO THE MARLIN MUNICIPAL COURT

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DISCHARGE A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION THROUGH ALTERNATIVE MEANS IF THE COURT FINDS THAT YOU HAVE THE INABILITY TO PAY YOUR OBLIGATIONS

1. This letter is furnished as a courtesy to assist you in disposing of the charge(s) filed against you. The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding outside of court.

2. YOU MUST ENTER AN APPEARANCE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date of your citation. An appearance in court is only by filing the proper documents with the court by certified mail, fax, email, in person, or by your attorney. If you fail to respond to the charge(s) within the 30 days, additional fees and charge(s) may be filed against you for failure to appear and warrant(s) issued for your arrest. A juvenile who fails to appear by the time and date on the citation may have their license suspended as required by law. **To personally appear in court, contact the court to schedule your court date.**

3. If You Wish To Enter A Plea Of Guilty Or Nolo Contendere, please properly complete and return the reply form provided on or before your appearance date. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The required payment 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. Please refer to the payment schedule shown below to determine the total amount of the payment acceptable by the Court. Make your remittance by MONEY ORDER or CASHIER'S CHECK payable to the Marlin Municipal Court.

3. If You Wish To Enter A Plea Of Not Guilty and desire a trial before either the Judge or a Jury, please properly complete the reply form and mail it on or before your appearance date. The Court will notify you when you MUST appear for trial and any other required procedures. You must advise the court of any and all address changes.

4. Driver's Safety Course Information: Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have ONE charge dismissed by taking a driving safety course. HOWEVER, YOU WILL LOSE THE RIGHT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COURT OF YOUR DESIRE TO DO SO AND PAY ALL FEES ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE (AS SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION). You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if it is a violation of 25MPH or more above the posted speed limit or if your speed is 95 mph or more, you are ineligible if you hold a CDL license, or if you have completed a Driver's Safety Course under this option within the year immediately preceding the date of this citation, you must have a valid Texas driver's license or permit and show proof of financial responsibility at the time of the citation as required by Section 601.081. If the alleged act was committed while operating a motorcycle, a motorcycle operator training course may be taken as approved by the DPS. If you wish to use this option to have ONE charge dismissed, read and complete the reply form and return it to the Court with the required fee on or before your appearance date. You will have 90 days from the date the Court grants permission for the course, to complete and provide the Court with required documentation showing completion of an approved Driving Safety Course. IF YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS STATED ON THE DSC REPLY FORM, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THE COURSE, REMITTING THE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE TO THE COURT, AND SUBMITTING A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR DRIVING RECORD. (Further instructions are on that form.)

5. Minors: Generally 16 years and younger are required to come to court with their parent or guardian. For alcohol offenses, age 18-20 must appear in court to make a plea and juveniles 17 & under must appear in court with a parent or guardian to make a plea.

6. Inability to Pay: IF YOU WANT THE COURT TO CONSIDER WHETHER YOU HAVE THE INABILITY TO PAY YOUR OBLIGATION AND ALLOWING YOU TO DISCHARGE YOUR OBLIGATION THROUGH ALTERNATIVE MEANS SUCH AS COMMUNITY SERVICE, YOU MUST CONTACT THE COURT TO SCHEDULE A DATE FOR YOUR COURT APPEARANCE AS INSTRUCTED IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE.

TABLE OF COMMON OFFENSE AMOUNTS

SPEEDING		DWLI	\$504.00	Run Stop Sign / Stoplight	\$254.00
1 -5 mph over the limit	\$159	FMFR 1st Offense	\$321.00	Disorderly Conduct	\$321.00
6-10 mph over the limit	\$184	FMFR 2nd or more	\$571.00	Public Intoxication	\$321.00
11-15 mph over the limit	\$219	No Seat Belt	\$154.00	Theft	\$321.00
16-20 mph over the limit	\$254	Unrestrained Child	\$204.00	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$454.00
21-24 mph over the limit	\$304	Expired Drivers License	\$221.00	FTA / VPTA	Contact Court
25 mph or more over the limit**	\$304	No Drivers License	\$254.00	City Ordinance Violation	Contact Court
		Expired Registration	\$254.00		

IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A CDL, CALL THE COURT FOR INFO ON DEFERRED DISPOSITION

COURT APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SPEEDS 25 MPH OR OVER THE LIMIT