

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

VS.

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PRECINCT ONE

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Defendant

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ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

**Driver Safety Course Application**

You may qualify to have this charge dismissed by entering a plea of NO CONTEST or GUILTY and successfully completing a Driver Safety Course (DSC). You must submit this form to the court before your appearance date and meet the qualifications below. Please read carefully and initial eligibility requirements for the Driver Safety Course.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby waive my right to a jury trial and legal counsel and have entered a plea of guilty or no contest. If I decide not to take the driver safety course within the prescribed time, the total fine will be due.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I hold a valid Texas driver’s license.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I have proof of financial responsibility (vehicle insurance).

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand the offense did not occur in a construction zone with workers present.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I am not the holder of a Commercial Driver’s License.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be required to complete a driving test with the Department of Public Safety if I have a “provisional” Driver’s License.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I was not going greater than 25 mph over the speed limit.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I was not charged with a speed of 95 miles per hour or more.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I did not leave the scene of an accident without exchanging information.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I did not fail to stop and render aid after injury accident.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I was not charged with passing a school bus loading/unloading children.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I have not completed an approved driver safety course within the last 12 months of the date of the citation subject to this request, nor am I currently signed up to take an approved driver safety course for any other traffic citation which is not yet reflected on my driving record.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have **90** calendar days from my appearance date on my citation to complete an approved driver safety course.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I am responsible for returning to this Court written proof showing that I have completed the driver safety course and I hereby promise to present such proof by mail or in person no later than **90** calendar days from my appearance date on my citation.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am required to obtain my driving record from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety and return that driving record to the Court with my proof of completion of driver safety course.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that when I have completed the conditions of the driver safety course and have returned proof thereof, the Court will dismiss the traffic citation and the violation will not appear on my driving record. It will be noted on my driving record that I have completed a driver safety course.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the approved driver safety course will charge a fee for the course.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the **\$136** Court Cost plus **\$10** DSC fee for a total of **\$146** is due before appearance date.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I further understand that my case will not be dismissed until the Court receives all the following:

\* Original completion certificate from the Driver Safety Course.

\* Driving record from the Texas Department of Safety,

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/driverrecords.htm> Select Option 3A

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that upon failure to comply with the **90** day provision, I will be required to appear in the court on the due date to show cause why I have failed to furnish proof of successful completion of an approved driver safety course. In the event I fail to appear, then **a capias warrant** for my arrest will be issued. I understand that I will not receive any notice from the Court. I hereby acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the agreement and notice to appear and I understand and agree that I will appear on the due date.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RECEIVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUSTICE COURT CLERK



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You have the right to plead **GUILTY, NO CONTEST**, or **NOT GUILTY** to this charge. A plea of **NO CONTEST** indicates that you are not contesting the charge(s) filed and you want to take care of the assessed fine and court costs. The fine and costs on a plea of **GUILTY** are the same as a plea of **NO CONTEST** and must be paid as ordered.

A plea of **NOT GUILTY** indicates that you wish to contest the charge(s) and that you are exercising your right to a trial. You may request a trial by Judge or by Jury. If you plead **NOT GUILTY** the law prohibits the judge from discussing any aspect of your case with you. A pre-trial hearing and/or a trial will be scheduled and you will be notified of this date. If found guilty at your trial, the fine and costs will be set by the Judge or Jury.

Since you will be notified by mail regarding your court dates, **you must furnish the court with a good address and phone number**. If any of this information should change, **it is your responsibility to notify the court of these changes**. Failure to appear at your court dates may result in additional charges being filed against you.

PLEA: (CHECK ONE)

- I enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance for trial.  
 I enter a plea of **NO CONTEST** and waive appearance for trial.  
 I enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial by **Judge**.  
 I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a trial by **Jury**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/DL#: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you qualify and you choose to take advantage of the Driver Safety Course option, please return with the following documents:

- Photocopy of your current auto liability policy.
- Photocopy of your valid Texas Driver's License. (Military exception: Active military, their spouses and dependents)
- Money order or cashier's check made payable to: JP1 Orange County in the amount of **\$146.00**. Call (409) 882-7800 for payment by phone, mail or submit payment in person.
- Completed and signed Driver Safety Course Application. Return by mail, email or in person.

**Once our office receives and approves the DSC application, you will be notified with details on how to proceed.**