



City of Yoakum Municipal Court
 Judge Daniel Pelech
 900 Irvine St / PO Box 738
 Yoakum, TX 77995
 361-293-6321
 court@cityofyoakum.org



PLEASE READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BEFORE CALLING THE COURT

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Yoakum Municipal Court to assist you in disposing the charge(s) against you.
Please NOTE: The Judge CANNOT discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to the trial.

Please choose one of the following options:

*******OPTION 1 – Pay Your Ticket*******

Check GUILTY or NO CONTEST on the REPLY FORM (back of this form #1). Mail the completed REPLY FORM and payment by Personal Check, Money Order or Cashier’s Check, made payable to City of Yoakum Municipal Court. To pay with a card you may call the court at 361-293-6321. **Additional fee of 3.2% to the total amount will be added on card payments**

*******OPTION 2 – Plea and Request Extension*******

Check GUILTY or NO CONTEST on the REPLY FORM (back of this form #3). Mail the completed REPLY FORM to the court. Your amount due MUST be paid within 30 days to avoid late fees. (If mailing, MUST be postmarked within 30 days)

*******OPTION 3 – Take Driving Safety Course*******

To be eligible you MUST do ALL of the following: Complete the DRIVING SAFETY COURSE AFFIDAVIT (back of this form #2) and have NOTARIZED. Mail AFFIDAVIT, Proof of Insurance, Copy of Driver’s License and a Personal Check, Money Order or Cashier’s Check made payable to City of Yoakum Municipal Court for \$144.00 (\$169.00 if in school zone). ALL ITEMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE THAT IS NOTED ON YOUR CITATION.

*******OPTION 4 – Ask for Trial*******

You MUST send completed REPLY FORM (back of this form #2), noting NOT GUILTY plea and desired Judge or Jury Trial, along with a copy of your Driver’s License. You will be notified by mail of your Trial date. You MUST notify the court of any change in address.

Schedule of Fines

Other Violations:

<u>Speeding:</u>			
01-10.....	\$209	Defective Equipment	\$200
11-15.....	\$229	Disorderly Conduct	\$581
16-20.....	\$269	Disobey/Run Stop Sign	\$200
21-25.....	\$299	Driving While License Invd.	\$581
26-30.....	\$319	Expired Driver’s License	\$209
31 +.....	\$334	Fail to Change Address	\$165
		Fail to Control Speed	\$234
		Fail to Display Driver’s License	\$181
		Fail to Give / Render Aid	\$181
		Fail to Indicate Lane Change	\$209
		Fail to Yield ROW to Emg. Vehl.	\$284
		Fictitious Plate	\$281
		No Auto Liability Insurance	\$431
		No Driver’s License	\$281
		No / Expired Registration	\$231
		Obscured/Obstructed Plate	\$281
		Open Container	\$281
		Passing in School Zone	\$281
		Unauthorized use of Temp Tag	\$381
		Unsafe Breaking	\$209
		Violate License Restriction	\$181
		Use of Wireless Device in S.Z.	\$334

SPEEDING IN A SCHOOL ZONE ADD \$25 TO THE FINE AMOUNT ABOVE

FOR VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED, OR IT OCCURRED IN A SCHOOL ZONE OR CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT, **PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT TO GET THE CORRECT AMOUNT.** JUVENILES WITH ALCOHOL & SCHOOL RELATED OFFENSES – CONTACT THE COURT TO FIND OUT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME. **ALL JUVENILES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**



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Reply Form

Printed Name: _____ Citation Number: _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW, SIGN AND RETURN TO YOAKUM MUNICIPAL COURT

#1 I hear by enter a plea of () **GUILTY** or () **NO CONTEST** and waive appearance for trial. A personal check, money order or cashier's check made payable to **Yoakum Municipal Court** in the amount of the fine listed from the front side.

#2 I hear by enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a trial by () **Judge** () **Jury**.
 () I will be represented by an attorney () I wave my rights to be represented by an attorney

#3 I hear by enter a plea of () **GUILTY** or () **NO CONTEST** and waive appearance for trial. I request a 30 day extension from appearance date to pay the fine. Personal Check, Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable to **Yoakum Municipal Court**.

Signature _____ DL# _____ Date _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO THE COURT LISTED ABOVE

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE AFFIDAVIT

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DSC: IF you were cited for driving 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit; IF you were cited in a construction zone with workers present; IF you were passing a school bus while loading or unloading; IF you possess a Commercial Driver's License per C.C.P. 45.051(f) and 45.0511(s) or IF you have taken a course within 12 months prior to the date of this ticket.

THIS REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN PERSON OR SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The above-named person, having been duly sworn, upon oath states the following:

- a. I have not completed a Driving Safety Course under Chapter 543, Subchapter B, Texas Transportation Code for a traffic violation within the past 12 months immediately preceding the date of this citation.
- b. I am not currently enrolled nor approved to take a Driving Safety Course under Chapter 543, Subchapter B, Texas Transportation Code, nor have taken on within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of this citation that is not yet reflected on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.
- c. I do possess a valid Texas Driver's License or Permit and **enclosed a copy** of my Texas Driver's License.
- d. I do have a liability insurance/financial responsibility pursuant to the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act, Chapter 601, Texas Transportation Code and **enclosed a copy** of proof of **INSURANCE**
- e. I am enclosing a Personal Check or Money Order in the amount of **\$144.00 (\$169.00 if in a school zone)** made payable to Yoakum Municipal Court.

Based upon the foregoing, I hereby waive trial, enter a plea of () **GUILTY** () **NO CONTEST**, and request that the Court defer proceedings for 90 days to allow me to complete a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Education Agency. I understand that I **MUST SIGN** and **RETURN** an **ORIGINAL COURT CERTIFICATE OF COMPELTION** along with a certified copy of my Driving Record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. A form to order my Driving Record from the Texas Department of Public Safety may be sent by mail **upon request**.

Defendant's Signature _____ Defendant's Printed Name _____

Defendant's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ - _____ Driver's License # _____ Citation # _____

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me, this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

 Notary Public

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED AND ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR COURT APPEARANCE DATE IN ORDER FOR PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED