

For **moving violations**, you may be allowed to take a defensive driving course in lieu of paying the fine and having the ticket impact your driving record. You may lose this privilege if you do not comply with the instructions herein or meet requirements detailed in CCP Art. 45.0511\*\*. You are required to pay a fee of **\$144.00**. This fee is not refundable even if you do not complete the course within the time limit. **Your request must be received by the appearance date that is on your citation.** Once you have been approved to take the course, **the court will notify you of the date your completion certificate is due.** If you have any questions, please contact the Court at **979-245-0358**.

## REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

I hereby enter a plea of \_\_\_\_\_ guilty or \_\_\_\_\_ no contest (check one). I understand that I am entering a plea and therefore, will not be eligible to contest this ticket if I do not show proof of completion of the course within the 90 day period and that the remainder of the fine will be due.

- (1) I am enclosing **proof of liability insurance**, as required by law.
- (2) My driving record as maintained by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety does not indicate successful completion of a driving safety course within one year immediately preceding the date of the alleged offense.
- (3) I am not in the process of taking a course and have not completed a course that is not reflected on my driving record.
- (4) I am not charged with speeding 25 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit OR 95mph (or more) over the posted speed limit.
- (5) I am enclosing a copy of my valid Texas driver's license or permit that is not a commercial license.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), hereby respectfully request my right to have this charge dismissed by taking a driving safety course approved by the State. I furthermore swear to or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above statements are true and correct by signing below.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's signature      Mailing Address      Phone Number

Send this form to : **James E. Powell, Justice of the Peace Pct. 6**  
**22001 FM 457**  
**Sargent, TX 77414**  
**Email [jp6@co.matagorda.tx.us](mailto:jp6@co.matagorda.tx.us)**

Along with: \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of TX Driver License, \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Insurance, & \_\_\_\_\_ \$144.00 Cashier's Check or Money Order **made payable to Matagorda County JP 6** for exactly \$144.00 or you may pay by Credit Card to Certified Payments.net or call 1-866-539-2020 Bureau Code 3524311.

**\*\*If you do not meet the qualifications for taking a driving safety course, other options may be available to you. You will need to contact the court by phone.**

**DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY/NO CONTEST**

Charged Misdemeanor Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

The Court admonishes the Defendant as follows: This offense is punishable by a fine of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this plea is entered pursuant to a plea bargain, the plea bargain is not binding on the court. In the event that the court does not approve the plea bargain, you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your plea.

If you are convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving violence where you are or were a spouse, intimate partner, parent, or guardian of the victim or are or were involved in another, similar relationship with the victim, it may be unlawful for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including a handgun or long gun, or ammunition, pursuant to federal law under 18 U.S.C. Section 922(g) (9) or Section 46.04(b), Texas Penal Code. If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm, you should consult an attorney.

If you are not a citizen of the United States, entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the charged offense may result in deportation, the exclusion from admission to this country, or the denial of naturalization under federal law. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

Entering a plea of guilty or no contest may result in a conviction appearing on your criminal record or driving record. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

The Transportation Code provides that the Texas Department of Public Safety may suspend the Defendant's driver's license and/or require the payment of surcharges following a conviction for certain offenses. If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, you should contact an attorney.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. You have the right to a public trial. You have the right to a jury trial. You have the right to a speedy trial. You have the right to pre-trial discovery, including any evidence that may aid your defense at trial. You have the right to confront the witnesses against you. You have the right to subpoena witnesses to testify on your behalf. You have the right to remain silent and not incriminate yourself.

Do not complete this form unless you understand the form and wish to freely and voluntarily enter a plea of guilty or no contest. If you do not understand this form, you should contact an attorney. If you wish to enter a plea of not guilty or the special plea of double jeopardy, do not complete the remainder of this form.

I, the Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, waive my right to a jury trial and the other rights described above and I hereby enter the following plea to the charged offense:

Guilty

Nolo Contendere ("No Contest")

I understand that entering the plea indicated above may result in any or all of the following: 1) a criminal conviction; and 2) the assessment of a fine and court costs. I further understand that I will be obligated by law to satisfy the Court's judgment in this cause.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:

VIRTUAL SIGNATURE

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Virtual Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: