



STOP! PLEASE read this form entirely BEFORE you send it in. FAILURE to follow ALL INSTRUCTIONS could result in your request for Deferred Disposition or Driver Safety Course being denied.

Pay with credit/debit card

<https://www.govrec.com/home/cityoftrinidadcity>

(there is a fee to use this service)

Cashier's Check or Money Order payments should be made **Payable to Trinidad Municipal Court**.

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Trinidad Municipal Court to assist you in making a plea for the charge(s) against you. **Please note: THE JUDGE CANNOT** discuss the merits of pending judicial proceedings prior to trial. This means **the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you prior to trial.**

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THIS COURT DOES NOT ACCEPT TELEPHONE CALLS AS AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT. If you do not make a plea on your citation by one of the options given on the courtesy letter, you **MUST** appear before the Court in person or by counsel on **OR** before the appearance date shown on your citation. Failure to Appear will result in an additional charge being filed against you for violating your promise to appear with a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and additional state fees will be incurred. If you have a driver's license, you will be entered into Omni Base in Austin and a hold will be placed on your license until fines and cost are made in **FULL!**

**Trinidad Municipal Court
P.O. Box 345 / 100 Park Street
Trinidad, Texas 75163**

Phone: (903) 778-4545

municipalcourt@trinidadtexas.com

Mail this form, copy of your driver's license, proof of insurance and a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to the address on the back of this form.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Employer: _____

OFFENSE	AMOUNT
Speeding over the limit 1 - 5	\$234.00
6 - 10	\$259.00
11 - 15	\$284.00
16 - 20	\$309.00
21 - 24	\$334.00
25 - over	Call Court
No Driver's License	\$281.00
Expired Driver's License	\$181.00
Expired Registration	\$181.00
No Liability Insurance (1st Time)	\$368.00
No Liability Insurance (2nd Time)	\$628.00
Open Container	\$353.00
Driving While License Invalid/Susp.	\$581.00
Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	\$334.00
Disregard Stop Sign	\$284.00
Failure to Signal Intent	\$234.00
Driving Without License in Possession	\$181.00
Red Light Violations	\$284.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$381.00

Plea of Not Guilty, Request for Trial

I enter a plea of Not Guilty and

_____ Waive my right to a jury trial, requesting a bench trial.

_____ Request a jury trial.

I understand that the Court will notify me by mail of my trial setting.

Date: _____
Defendant's Signature

If you plead **not guilty**, you **MUST** include a copy of your driver's license and insurance, current mailing address and phone number. A trial date will be set and you will be notified by mail accordingly.

Enter your Plea if Paying Citation

I enter a plea of Guilty NO Contest, waive a jury trial, and enclose the scheduled fine amount

Date: _____
Defendant's Signature

Request for Driver Safety Course

I plead no contest and waive a trial by Jury. I elect to take the Driver Safety Course. I have a valid TEXAS driver's license. I do not have a CDL. I have NOT taken the course within the past 12 months. I have enclosed ONLY the **Admin Fees/Court Costs of \$144.00**, a **copy of my driver's license and proof of insurance**. **Do NOT take a course until you are approved by the Court!** **You are only allowed to take a course once every 12 months.** Obtain your driving record from www.texas.gov. You will need record "3A".

Date: _____
Defendant's Signature

Request for Deferred Disposition

I plead no contest and waive a trial by Jury. I elect to do Deferred Disposition. I do not have a CDL. I have enclosed a copy of my driver's license, proof of insurance and fine amount PLUS the \$50 deferral fee. I understand the Court will defer imposition of the judgment for 30 days. I understand that I must, **AFTER 30 days, return my NOTARIZED deferral affidavit to the Court.** **If you are under 25, you will be required to take a driver safety course as a condition of your deferral.**

Date: _____
Defendant's Signature

PERSONS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE:

- ◆ **Must appear** with a parent or legal guardian or proof of marriage.
- ◆ **Must appear** before the judge, no pleas by mail.

PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE (ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES):

- ◆ **Must appear** before the Judge, no pleas by mail
- ◆ **Must appear** with a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years of age.

I have an inability to pay and request a hearing to discuss what options may be available to me.

Date: _____
Defendant's Signature