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1. This information is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Midland County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. **PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 3(5), Code of Judicial Conduct).** State law requires a person receiving a citation for a traffic offense or alleged violation of a class C misdemeanor (crime punishable by fine only) **TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT OF JURISDICTION IN PERSON, IN WRITING, OR THROUGH AN ATTORNEY ON OR BEFORE THE APPEARANCE DATE LISTED ON THE CITATION. PHONE CALLS TO THE COURT DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE. THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE COURTS IS EITHER IN PERSON, IN WRITING OR BY YOUR ATTORNEY** For anyone wishing to speak to or see the Judge please appear in person and ask the Clerk of the appropriate Court for Open Court dates or appointments.
2. If you wish to enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, please see Not Guilty Plea Form and forward this to the Court listed on your citation BY YOUR APPEARANCE DATE. You have the right to a jury trial or a bench trial, if requested.
3. **IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, ADDITIONAL CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND YOU COULD BE DENIED RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST AND AN ADDITIONAL FINE OF \$300.00 WILL BE ASSESSED. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR IN PERSON WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR ANY CITATION RECEIVED BY THE TIME AND DATE ON A CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW (Transportation Code Sec. 729.003)**
4. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please so indicate on the proper form listed on this site. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for 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. Make your remittance by Money Order ONLY. Please make payable to the Justice Court indicated on your citation. Please return a copy of the Citation with your remittance to assure proper credit. The postmark will be used to determine if you answered by the appearance date.

IF YOU ARE PAYING YOUR CITATION IN FULL ON-LINE WITH A CREDIT CARD, PLEASE GO TO <http://jp.co.midland.tx.us/jop/> PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITION 5% CONVENIENCE FEE.

YOU MUST FIRST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE COURT TO PAY YOUR FINES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

A \$15 TIME PAYMENT FEE WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH OFFENSE.

5. Under the laws of the State of Texas, you MAY be able to request that (one) charge be dismissed by taking a driving safety course. **However, you will lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court of your desire to do so on or before your appearance date as shown on your citation.** If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, please go to the link for Defensive Driving Information.

If you have a financial hardship or are indigent and unable to pay the fine and costs in your case, there are alternative methods to discharge your fine, such as payments plans, community service or a waiver of all or part of your fine and costs. To determine your eligibility for an alternative method, you must appear in person to request and complete the appropriate forms and request a hearing before the Judge. If you do not live in Midland, you must send detailed correspondence to the Court regarding your financial situation.