

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (call court for cause number)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

v.

PRECINCT NO. 1

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TERRY COUNTY, TEXAS

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

Charged Misdemeanor Offense: (call court for charge) \_\_\_\_\_

The Court admonishes the Defendant as follows:

This offense is punishable by a fine & court cost of: (call court for amount) \$\_\_\_\_\_

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")

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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.

Defendant's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ DL# \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINE AND COSTS:** A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment against them if they are unable to pay the fine or costs, in whole or in part, including:

- 1) A payment plan, allowing the defendant to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals. Note that if any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs then a \$25 time payment fee must be assessed.
  - 2) Disposition of the amount assessed by performing community service. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for community service, see Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for full details. A defendant is entitled to a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of community service performed.
  - 3) If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay is entitled to a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.
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