

Who Can Handle Your Ticket?

- Only the defendant, person who was charged with the violation.
- Pro Se Defendants will be expected to know and follow trial procedures.
- An attorney representing the defendant.

The Judge, Prosecutor, and Court Staff are not allowed to give legal advice

Appearance and Pleas

Your first court appearance is to determine your plea.

You may plead Guilty, No Contest, or Not Guilty.

If you waive a Jury Trial and plead "No Contest", you may present extenuating circumstances for the judge to consider when determining the proper punishment. However, the Judge is not required to reduce your fine.

FAILURE TO APPEAR OR RESOLVE PAYMENTS

Failure to Appear in front of the Municipal Court to address the charges that have been filed against you within the required time allowed could result in the following action:

- Warrant for your immediate Arrest
- Hold placed on your Driver's License
- Hold placed on renewal of your Vehicle Registration (Scofflaw)
- Case filed with Law Firm for Collection
- Increased fees added

Plea of Guilty

By a plea of guilty, you admit that you committed the criminal offense charged and a conviction will be reported to Texas Department of Public Safety.

You should be prepared to pay your fines in full.

Plea of No Contest

Plea of No Contest is a plea in which the defendant does not contest the charge. *Nolo contendere* has the same legal effect as a guilty plea; however, it may not be used against the defendant as an admission of guilt in a civil suit based upon or growing out of the act upon which the criminal prosecution is based.

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