

Requesting a Driving Safety Course

If you are charged with a traffic offense, you may be eligible to ask the judge to take a driving safety course to dismiss the charge. The request must be made on or before your first appearance date. Your request must be made using the attached application. If you are under age 17, you must appear in open court with a parent or guardian to make the request. At the time of the request, you must do the following:

- 1) Plead guilty or no contest;
- 2) Present proof of financial responsibility (insurance); and
- 3) Present a valid Texas driver's license or permit. (Active military and spouses or dependent children of active military may present a valid driver's license from any state.)

To be eligible, you:

- 1) Cannot have taken a driving safety course or motorcycle operator's course for a traffic offense within the last 12 months;
- 2) Cannot currently be taking the course for another traffic violation;
- 3) Cannot be the holder of a commercial driver's license (CDL) or have held a CDL at the time of the offense; and
- 4) Have not committed one of the following offenses:

Failure to Give Information at Accident Scene;

Leaving Scene of Accident;

Passing a School Bus;

A serious traffic violation, which applies to commercial motor vehicle operators;

An offense in a construction or maintenance work zone when workers are present;

Speeding 25 mph or more over limit; or

Speeding 95 mph or more.

Upon receipt of this request, the court will mail or email you the required form and instructions. You will be required to mail back a signed copy of the paperwork we send you, and pay the court costs of \$129 or \$154 (for a school zone offense).

****Once the above step has been completed, contact the court office for permission to proceed.****

Your case will be deferred for 90 days after we receive your request.

During that time you must:

- 1) Complete a driving safety course approved by the Texas Education Agency or a motorcycle operator's course approved by the Department of Public Safety and present the completion certificate to the court;
- 2) Present a certified copy of your driving record from the Department of Public Safety that shows that you have not had a driving safety course within the preceding 12 months from the date of the current offense; and
- 3) Swear to an affidavit that you were not taking a driving safety course at the time of the request for the current offense and that you have not taken one that is not shown on your driving record.

If you do not present the required documents in time, the court will notify you to return to court and explain why you failed. Your failure to be present at that hearing will result in a conviction, a fine being assessed, and a capias pro fine for your arrest being issued.

REQUEST FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

RETURN FORM BY EMAIL TO COURT@CITYOFWEBSTER.COM
OR FAX TO 281-316-4123

FILL IN ALL BLANKS:

DATE: _____
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE #: _____
EMAIL: _____
CITATION #: _____
OFFENSE: _____

I am entering a plea of (WRITE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY):

- GUILTY
 NO CONTEST

I am requesting to take a driving safety course. I meet all of the following requirements:

1. I have a valid, non-commercial Texas driver's license;
2. I have at least minimum liability insurance coverage with my name listed as a driver; and
3. I have not taken a driving safety course for ticket dismissal within the last 12 months.

I understand that this form is just a request to take a driving safety course and that nothing has been granted by the judge at this time. I understand I must fax, email or mail this request with a copy of my Texas driver's license and current liability auto insurance before my court date.

Notice: Pursuant to Chapter 39 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, by paying the fines/fees you are waiving your right to receive discovery information pertaining to your case. If you are requesting discovery information in regards to your case, you must follow the rules of Texas Criminal Procedure.

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE

PLEASE CHOOSE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR DOCUMENTS:

MAIL EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE COURT OFFICE WITHIN 7 DAYS, IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DOCUMENTS.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE DO NOT TAKE ANY REQUIRED COURSES OR ORDER ANY RECORDS UNTIL YOU HAVE CONTACTED THE COURT FOR PERMISSION.

*** CONTACT THE COURT OFFICE AT 281-338-6702 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ***