

Office Hours: Monday – Friday
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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Rockdale Municipal Court
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The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial: Cannon 3(5), Code of Judicial Conduct. This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you. Clerical staff is available to discuss procedural questions only.

THE JUDGE, INCLUDING CLERICAL STAFF, CANNOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE

1. This notice is furnished to assist you in handling the charge(s) filed against you.
2. To enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NOLO CONTENDERE (No Contest)**, please so indicate on the attached form provided. Either plea means that you do not contest the charge(s) filed against you.
3. The fine for either plea is the same and indicates that by signing the plea form, you agree to waive appearance and trial before the Court.
4. You must refer to the Rockdale Municipal Court Fine Schedule (see enclosed form) to determine the total amount of your fine(s) and costs assessed against you. Remit payment by *Cashier's Check or Money Order* to the "City of Rockdale" at the above mailing address. Notate your citation number (top left-hand corner of your citation) and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.
5. **TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY**, which requires a **TRIAL**, you must so indicate in person (open court) by your appearance date. You will be notified by the Court of your pre-trial appearance date and time. You have the right to a trial by jury if you so request. **NOTE:** The cost of impaneling a jury can in some instances be charged to the defendant.
*** By entering a plea of Not Guilty, I hereby waive my right to request DSC or Deferred Disposition at a later date for this violation.*
6. **TELEPHONE CALLS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE DATE BEFORE THE COURT.**

JUVENILES (16 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER) MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ON OR BEFORE THEIR APPEARANCE DATE AS SHOWN ON THE CITATION OR BE SUBJECT TO HAVING THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW. JUVENILES MAY NOT REPLY BY MAIL.

NOTICE OF CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO INFORM COURT OF CHILD'S RESIDENCE – As pursuant to Texas Law, Article 45.057(j), Code of Criminal Procedure, you are being provided written notice of the following:

- (1) A child and parent required to appear before the Court have an obligation to provide the Court **IN WRITING** with the current address and residence of child;
- (2) The obligation does not end when the child reaches age 17;
- (3) On or before the seventh day after date of residence change, the child or parent shall notify the Court of current address in the manner directed by the Court; and
- (4) Failure to provide notice is a Class C misdemeanor and may result in arrest.

The listed cases MAY be considered for dismissal IF the charges filed against you are for the offense(s) of:

1. **Expired Vehicle Registration:** you may be eligible to have the charges **DISMISSED** with a **\$20.00** administrative fee if you present proof of correction within 20 working days after the offense or before your court appearance, whichever is later. **You must show proof of payment of late registration fee to county assessor-collector.**
2. **Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection Sticker LESS than 60 days expired:** you will be eligible to have the charge **DISMISSED** with a **\$20.00** administrative fee, if you present proof of inspection (receipt must show year/make/model of automobile or license plate number) within 20 working days after the offense or before your court appearance, whichever is later.
3. **Fail to Report Change of Address or Name:** you may be eligible to have the charge **DISMISSED** with a **\$20** administrative fee, if you present proof of correction not more than **FIVE (5)** working days after the offense date.
4. **Fail to Display Driver's License:** you will be eligible to have the charge **DISMISSED** with a **\$10.00** administrative fee, if you present proof of valid driver's license at the time of the offense
5. **No Liability Insurance:** the charge will be **DISMISSED** if you contact your insurance company and request your insurance company fax to the court proof of liability insurance effective on the date and time your citation was issued. **Your citation number must be noted on the cover sheet from insurance company.** This proof should be presented to the Court **by the appearance date** shown on your citation. Please note: ***The court will not accept a copy of your insurance card or a fax from you.***

CONSEQUENCES OF IGNORING THIS TICKET:

FAILURE TO ATTEND COURT APPEARANCE ORDERED WILL RESULT IN:

1. A request to the Texas Department of Public Safety to deny the renewal of your driver license (\$30.00 fee);
2. A separate criminal charge of Failure to Appear (Maximum fine \$200.00) filed against you;
3. An arrest warrant (\$50.00 warrant fee) issued against you plus other administrative fees may be added; and/or
4. A request to the Texas Department of Transportation to deny the renewal of your vehicle registration.

IF A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST IS ISSUED, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO ARREST AT YOUR HOME, PLACE OF BUSINESS OR WHEREVER YOU MAY BE FOUND.

Inability to pay the fine is not an excuse for failure to answer the charge(s).