

REQUEST FOR DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE

You may qualify to take a driving safety course if you have not taken one in the 12 months preceding this citation. **You are NOT eligible if you are cited for speeding 25 or more over the limit, have a commercial driver's license, have an out-of-state license, speeding in a construction zone, passing a school bus or emergency vehicle, disregard stop sign, or leaving the scene of an accident. Wrong way drivers or failed to stop. No ins. At the time of stop.**

The following items must be submitted to the court on or before the appearance date shown on the citation to be eligible to take the course:

1. Court costs of \$144.00, IF IN SCHOOL ZONE \$169.00.
2. Complete and return "Options/Plea" page and "Request for Driving Safety Course" page of this pamphlet.
3. Copy of your Texas driver's license and current proof of insurance, listing you as a covered driver. Military personnel and their dependents may submit a copy of their state driver's license and military identification card.

Once we receive the items noted above, we will send you an email with the instruction letter. You will then have 90 days to complete a Texas Education Agency approved course, and to present your certificate of completion and 3A driving record (DR). If you fail to take the course in the allotted time required and/or fail to present the court with any of the required documents, the court will change the disposition to a CONVICTION on the driving record and you will be required to pay the remaining balance of the citation. The following website will allow you to order/print a copy of your driving record: <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/txldrdr/TXDPSLicenseeManager>

AFFIDAVIT for Driver's Safety Course

Citation Number: _____

_____, swear or affirm that:
(Print Name)

I am not in the process of taking nor have I completed a driver's safety course within the 12 months preceding the date of this citation. I understand I have a right to a jury trial. I hereby waive my right to a jury trial, enter a plea of **no contest**, and request to take a driver's safety course.

Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____



SOUTHMAYD MUNICIPAL COURT

JUDGE: BRITTON BROOKS
COURT CLERK: AMANDA MCGILL

Phone - 903-868-9420 Email: courtclerk@southmaydtx.com Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Fri 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Office Address: 4525 Elementary/ Mailing Address: P.O. Box 88 Southmayd,
Texas 76268

Court Appearance Address: 4525 Elementary (Court Date on citation)

Please read this pamphlet BEFORE contacting the court. And only email when ready to pay

This pamphlet is provided as a courtesy to assist you in resolving the charge filed against you. Depending on the violation, some of your options may include pay the citation in full (points/surcharge fees may be assessed by DPS), request to take a driver's safety course for dismissal, request deferred disposition (probation) for dismissal, or plead "not guilty" and request a trial. In addition, some violations may be dismissed with proof of compliance requiring a \$20.00 dismissal fee. All these options are discussed in more detail inside this pamphlet.

The Police Department must first file the charge with the court before we can assist you. Please WAIT TWO BUSINESS DAYS before appearing or calling.

Failure to make a proper appearance by your due date will result in additional fees/OMNI hold being placed on your Driver's License. Your court date is provided on your citation. It states that you **promise to appear** "on or before" and a date is provided. **You must contact the court no later than the court date provided on the citation.**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUVENILES AND MINORS **JUVENILES (16 and under)**

All defendants 16 years or younger are required to appear before the judge with a parent or legal guardian.

MINORS (17-20)

Minors charged with **alcohol / tobacco /drug paraphernalia / theft or disorderly conduct** offenses must also appear before the judge. If you are under the age of 18, you must appear with a parent or legal guardian.

COMPLIANCE DISMISSALS

No Insurance (Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility): Citations for no proof of insurance will be dismissed at no charge upon presentation to the court of proof the driver or vehicle (if you had the owner's permission to drive their vehicle) was covered by a valid liability insurance policy at the time cited. Insurance coverage will be verified. **Only if you had insurance at the time of the stop will it be dismissed, we will call to verify**

Expired Registration: Court may dismiss with a \$20.00 fee IF renewed within 7 days of the citation, and you provide a copy of the tag receipt to the court. **If your registration is out for over 6 months you will have to pay full price**

Failure to Display Registration: Court may dismiss with \$20.00 fee if tag was current and if registrations in properly placed on vehicle.

Expired Driver's License: Court may dismiss with \$20.00 fee, IF renewed within 7 days of the citation, and you provide a copy of your new license to the court no later than your due date. **If your D.L. is over 6 months you will have to pay full price**

Fail to Display Driver's License: Court may dismiss a \$20.00 fee upon presentation of a driver's license that was valid at the time the citation was issued.

Fail to Report Change of Address/Name: Court may dismiss with \$20.00 fee if change of address is filed with the DPS within 7 days. Proof required. **If it is over 6 months you will have to pay full price**

Equipment Violation: Court may dismiss with \$20.00 fee if violation is corrected prior to appearance date listed on citation. Proof required. Not applicable if operating a commercial motor vehicle.

ALL FINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

SOUTHMAYD MUNICIPAL COURT FINE SCHEDULE

6-10	miles over posted speed limit	\$224.00
11-15	miles over posted speed limit	\$254.00
16-20	miles over posted speed limit	\$279.00
21-24	miles over posted speed limit	\$304.00

School zone fines are not the same as above

Violation	Price	Violation	Price
Allow unlicensed driver to drive	\$226.00	Follow to close	\$209.00
Defective Equipment	\$151.00	Go thru barricade	\$276.00
DL Restrictions	\$176.00	No insurance	\$326.00
DWLI	\$326.00	No insurance (2 nd)	\$426.00
Expired Registration	\$150.00	No MC DL endorsement	\$151.00
Fail to change address/name	\$200.00	No DL	\$151.00
Fail to control speed	\$209.00	Passing Emergency Vehicle	\$500.00
Fail to display DL	\$151.00	Pass in no passing zone	\$254.00
Fail to drive in single lane	\$254.00	Pass school bus	\$629.00
Fail to signal lane change	\$209.00	Seat belt violation (Child w/ 8 or 4'9")	\$209.00
Fail to stop for police	\$209.00	Seat belt violation (Driver/Passenger)	\$209.00
Fail to yield right of way	\$209.00	Stop sign violation	\$209.00

- PAYMENT METHODS:** We accept cash, check, cashier checks, money orders, credit/debit.
(A 5% convenience fee for payments with credit/debit cards)
- Make checks payable to "Southmayd Municipal Court." Credit card payments by phone, call 903-868-9420

*****Email /Mail completed packet and wait for response from court clerk prior to calling court to make payment*****

CHECK ONE

___ Payment Plan- Required to be paid off in 2 months. The amount down will depend on the cost of the citation(s). A \$15.00 fee will be added to each violation if not paid off in 31 days. **Must pay in person or call in payment**

___ Pay citation in full- appear in person, mail in payment, or call to make credit/debit card payment. Submitting full payment for your citation constitutes a plea of no contest, and the offense will be reported as a conviction. You also can go to www.southmaydtx.com click on **Municipal Court Payment** on front page.

___ Driver's Safety Course (DSC)- follow the instructions on the back of this pamphlet. **Court costs must be paid prior to taking the course or it will NOT be accepted. You must pay in person or call in payment No online payments.**

****Details on back****

___ Deferred Disposition (probation)- enter your plea below and submit it to the court. If approved, the probation period could be 90 to 180 days. **If you are under the age of 25 you will be required to complete the Driver's Safety Course as a condition of Deferral.** The deferral period will begin at the time of payment. The required fee for this option will be the fine, state mandated court costs, plus the \$40.00 deferral fee. Drivers cited in a work zone with worker's present are not eligible for deferral. **Must pay in person or call in payment. No online payments.**

If you would like to pay in full, go to www.southmaydtx.com and click **Municipal Court Payment on front page.**

**** If you do not choose one of the above options it will be expected for you to come to court on the appear by date listed on your citation. ****

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(__) I enter a plea of no contest and waive my right to a jury trial. The selection means you do not contest the State's charge(s) against you but are not admitting guilt and agree to pay the fine/costs assessed by the judge.

(__) I enter a plea of guilt and waive my right to jury trial. This selection means you do not contest the State's charge(s) against you, and you admit guilt and agree to pay the fine/costs assessed by the judge.

(__) I enter a plea of not guilty and understand that I must appear in court on my scheduled court date to enter this plea. This selection means you intend to contest the charge(s) against you.

Defendant's Printed Name

Date

Defendant's Signature

Email Address

Judge Britton Brooks
Southmayd Municipal Court