

REQUEST FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (Ch. 45A, Subchapter H, C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
VS.	§	CITY OF BELLS
_____	§	GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT’S REQUEST FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

I hereby enter my appearance on the complaint(s) of the offense(s) of: _____ (in person)(by counsel)(by certified mail)(by e-mail)(online). I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I hereby waive my right to a jury trial, plead (guilty)(no contest), and request under Ch. 45A, Subchapter H, Code of Criminal Procedure, to take a driving safety course.

I understand that I must present the Court the following with this request:

1. A valid Texas driver’s license or permit, or proof that I am a member, or the spouse or dependent child of a member, of the United States military forces serving on active duty;
2. Proof of financial responsibility pursuant to Chapter 601, Transportation Code (automobile liability insurance);
3. Payment of court costs for each offense dismissed; and
4. Payment of \$_____ in nonrefundable reimbursement fee(s) (*not to exceed \$10 per offense*).

I understand that I must:

1. Complete a driving safety course or motorcycle operator training course as applicable within 90 days of this request;
2. Submit by the 90th day from this request a uniform certificate of course completion of a driving safety course or a verification of course completion of a motorcycle operator training course as evidence that I have completed such a course;
3. Submit by the 90th day from this request an affidavit that I was not taking such a course nor had I completed one within the preceding 12 months from the date of my current offense that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety; or if I am on active military duty, or am the spouse or dependent child of a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty, that I have not taken a course in another state in the preceding 12 months nor am taking such a course at the time of this request; and
4. Submit by the 90th day from this request a certified copy of my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

I understand that:

1. If I comply with the court order granting the taking of a driving safety/motorcycle operator training course and submit all the required evidence as ordered, the Court will dismiss my case(s) and report to the Texas Department of Public Safety the date that I completed my course for inclusion on my driving record;
2. If I fail to submit all the evidence required by the Court, I will be notified of a show cause hearing and be required to appear before the Court to show cause why I did not present the required evidence of course completion;
3. The judge may at the show cause hearing enter a final judgment against me and require me to pay the fine; and
4. The failure to appear at the show cause hearing will result in a final judgment being entered against me, and that I will be required to pay the fine(s) and any additional costs required by law.

I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Defendant's Signature	Date	Defendant’s Attorney (if applicable)	Date

Editor’s Note: Beginning September 1, 2025, eligible defendants charged with more than one eligible traffic offense arising out of the same criminal transaction are entitled to have all the charges dismissed through a single course. Art. 45A.352(b), C.C.P. There is no definition for “criminal transaction” in Chapter 45A of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

AFFIDAVIT FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (Art. 45A.356(a)(3), C.C.P.)

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AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, state under oath that on the date of my request for a driving safety course/motorcycle operator training course in the above numbered cause that I was not taking such a course nor had I completed one within the 12 months preceding the date of my current offense that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (or as maintained by the state that issued my driver's license - active military duty personnel only).

Defendant's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority on this the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(municipal court seal)

(Judge)(Court Clerk)(Deputy Court Clerk)
(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)

Editor's Note: Required to be filed within 90 days of the request for a driving safety course/motorcycle operator training course.

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Plea of Not Guilty

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I **plead not guilty**.

Initial One:

_____ I want a jury trial.

_____ I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the Court.

I promise to appear, in person, in the _____ Municipal Court on any date for which this case is scheduled before this Court. I understand that if I do not appear anytime I am required to appear for this case, a Failure to Appear charge may be filed and warrants may be issued for my arrest.

Plea of Nolo Contendere

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial and that my signature on this **plea of nolo contendere** (meaning "no contest") will have the same force and effect as a plea of guilty on the judgment of the Court. I do hereby **plead nolo contendere** to said offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

Plea of Guilty

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I do hereby **plead guilty** to the offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

I, the undersigned, do hereby request the amount of fine assessed and the amount of appeal bond that the Court will approve.

Defendant's Signature Date

Home Telephone Number

Address

Work Telephone Number

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Plea accepted on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Judge, Municipal Court

(municipal court seal)

City of _____

Editor's Note: If a defendant is charged with an offense involving family violence, the judge or justice must take the defendant's plea in open court. Art. 45A.151, C.C.P.