

BIG SANDY MUNICIPAL COURT

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PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU CALL THE COURT

This is furnished to you as a courtesy by the Big Sandy Municipal Court to assist you with the violations filed against you by the Big Sandy Police Department.

1. **IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST**, initial line #1 below. The fine for no contest and/or a guilty plea is the same. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive your appearance before the Court.

Refer to the violation list to determine the total cost for your ticket. Payment can be made with **CASH, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD, MONEY ORDER or ONLINE PAYMENT (trafficpayment.com)**. If your violation is not listed, please call us.

2. **If you wish to attend a DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (DSC)** and you meet ALL the qualifications and requirements, initial line #2 below and submit your written request before your court date. **DO NOT TAKE THE CLASS BEFORE YOU RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THE COURT.** If DSC is granted, you will have 90 days to submit a completed course certificate to the Court. **DSC QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS are:**

- a. You have a **VALID TEXAS drivers license**
 - b. You have not taken a **DSC course in the last 12 months and you are not currently taking the course for a ticket in another court.**
 - c. You were not cited in a **school zone or are not a CDL holder. (Class A or B)**
 - d. You were not charged with **speeding @ 25 miles or more over the speed limit.**
 - e. You can furnish the court with a **copy of a liability insurance coverage (YOUR NAME MUST BE ON THE CARD).**
 - f. You can pay the **administrative fee of \$109.00 on or before your court date.**
3. **You may request deferred adjudication**, where you pay a fee, are placed on probation for a designated period of time (from 30 to 180 days), the judge defers the finding of guilt and the violation does not appear on your driving record as a conviction.

If you fail to appear in court or submit a plea on or before your scheduled court date, a warrant can be issued for your arrest.

PLEA FORM DUE ON OR BEFORE APPEARANCE DATE (only initial one)

1. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY/NO CONTEST**, waive my appearance at court, & have enclosed payment for the full cost(s) of the violation(s).
2. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NO CONTEST** and request **Driver's Safety Course**. A copy of my driver's license, proof of insurance and the **\$109 administrative fee** are enclosed.
3. _____ I hereby request **deferred adjudication** for _____ days and understand the fee will be set by the Judge. A copy of my driver's license and proof of insurance are enclosed.
4. _____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a trial. **I WILL APPEAR ON OR BEFORE MY COURT DATE.**

Signature _____

Date _____

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Violation	Cost
Speeding 1 to 9 miles over the speed limit	\$200
Speeding 10 to 15 miles over the speed limit	\$225
Speeding 16 to 20 miles over the speed limit	\$250
Speeding 21 to 25 miles over the speed limit	\$275
Speeding 26 to 30 miles over the speed limit	\$295
Speeding above 30 miles over the speed limit	\$300

Additional fees will be added to all violations in a school zone.

Violation	Cost
NO Driver's License	\$400
DWLI Driving While License Invalid/Suspended	\$566
Assault (Class C)	\$566
Expired Inspection	\$150
Expired Registration	\$150
Failure to Appear In Court	\$200
No Insurance	\$350
No Seatbelt	\$200
Defective Equipment Violations	\$150
Fail to Obey Traffic Device (stop sign, red light)	\$200
Disorderly Conduct	\$566
Open Container	\$566
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	\$566
Public Intoxication	\$566
Theft Under \$50	\$300
Violation Promise to Appear In Court	\$200

**** COSTS CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME @ THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION**

**Payments are accepted Monday – Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.
Court is held on Thursdays from 6 - 8 PM.**