

RIESEL MUNICIPAL COURT – GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Riesel Municipal Court to assist you in making disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding outside of court. **A TELEPHONE CALL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE; AN APPEARANCE IN COURT IS ONLY BY FILING THE PROPER DOCUMENTS WITH THE COURT BY CERTIFIED MAIL, FAX, EMAIL, IN PERSON, OR BY YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, ADDITIONAL CHARGE(S) MAY BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR/VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR AND WARRANT(S) ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON THE CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW (Article 6701 1-4, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).**
2. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please so indicate in the proper space provided on the reply form. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a Nolo Contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of Guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the Court for trial. Please refer to the fine schedule shown below to determine the total amount of the fine(s) acceptable by the Court. Make your remittance by MONEY ORDER or CASHIER'S CHECK payable to Riesel Municipal Court.
3. IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY and desire a trial before the Judge or before a Jury, please so indicate on the reply form and mail it on or before your appearance date. The Court will notify you when you MUST appear for trial and any other required procedures. **You must advise the court of any and all address changes.** You have the right to trial by jury, if you so request.
4. DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE INFORMATION: Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have ONE charge dismissed by taking a driving safety course. HOWEVER, YOU WILL LOSE THE RIGHT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COURT OF YOUR DESIRE TO DO SO AND PAY ALL FEES ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE (AS SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION). You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if it is a violation of 25MPH or more above the posted speed limit, you are ineligible if you hold a CDL license, or if you have completed a Driver's Safety Course under this option within the year immediately preceding the date of this citation, you must have a valid Texas driver's license or permit and show proof of financial responsibility at the time of the citation as required by Section 601.081. If the alleged act was committed while operating a motorcycle, a motorcycle operator training course may be taken as approved by the DPS. If you wish to use this option to have ONE charge dismissed, read and complete the request form on the reverse side and return it to the Court with the required fee on or before your appearance date. You will have 90 days from the date the Court grants permission for the course, to complete and provide the Court with required documentation showing completion of an approved Driving Safety Course. IF YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS STATED ON THE DSC REPLY FORM, THEN YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THE COURSE AND REMITTING THE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE TO THE COURT. (Further instructions are on that form.)
5. **ALCOHOL OFFENSES:** AGE 18-20 MUST APPEAR IN COURT TO MAKE A PLEA. JUVENILES 17 & UNDER MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO MAKE A PLEA.
6. Credit Card payments can be made with Traffic Payment Service by calling (800) 444-1187 or go to www.trafficpayment.com. A service fee of \$5 up to 5% will be added.

SPEEDING

EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2015

		<u>Allow Unlicensed Driver to Drive</u>	
1 - 6 mph over the limit	\$117	\$262	Littering \$511
7 mph over the limit	\$127	Cut Across Median \$202	Minor Consumption Alcohol \$502
8 mph over the limit	\$137	Disorderly Conduct \$502	Minor Possession Alcohol \$502
9 mph over the limit	\$147	**Expired Registration \$152	Minor Possession Tobacco \$212
10 mph over the limit	\$157	Drove Wrong Way \$297	Minor DUI \$502
11 mph over the limit	\$167	Driving While License Invalid \$565	**Muffler Violation \$152
12 mph over the limit	\$177	Driving Without Lights \$297	**No Driver's License \$262
13 mph over the limit	\$187	**Equipment Violations \$297	*No Insurance
14 mph over the limit	\$197	Excessive Acceleration \$297	1st Offense - \$397
15 mph over the limit	\$207	**Expired Driver's License \$262	2nd Offense - \$1,062
16 mph over the limit	\$217	Fail to Control Speed \$297	Open Container \$502
17 mph over the limit	\$227	Fail to Dim Lights \$297	Parking on Square \$110
18 mph over the limit	\$237	**Fail to Display Driver's License \$295.00	Parking on Highway \$150
19 mph over the limit	\$247	Fail to Yield ROW \$297	Possession Drug Paraphernalia \$502
20 mph over the limit	\$257	Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle \$297.00	Public Intoxication \$502
21 mph over the limit	\$267	Following too Close \$297	Ran Red Light \$297
22 mph over the limit	\$277	Illegal Passing on Right \$297	
23 mph over the limit	\$287	Illegal Turn \$297	
24 mph over the limit	\$297	Illegally Passing a School Bus \$302.00	
25 mph over the limit	\$299		

NO SEAT BELT: CALL COURT

Theft Under \$100 - \$566

Unsafe Speed \$299

Violate DL Restrictions \$262

Violate Promise to Appear \$249.10

Fail to Appear \$249.10

FOR ALL OTHER FINES

PLEASE CALL THE COURT

NOTE: ON ALL SPEEDING FINES,

ADD \$25.00 IF IN SCHOOL ZONE

*charge may be dismissed upon presentation of evidence insurance was in effect on vehicle on the date of citation.

**charge may be dismissed with a \$20 dismissal fee, (if expired less than 60 days) and if the defendant remedies this defect and shows proof to the Court by their appearance date.

IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR DEFENSIVE DRIVING, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE A CDL, CALL THE COURT FOR INFO ON DEFERRED DISPOSITION



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