

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/VIOULATE 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>EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2015</u>		
		Allow Unlicensed Driver to Drive	Littering \$511	NO SEAT BELT: CALL COURT
1 - 6 mph over the limit	\$117	\$262	Minor Consumption Alcohol \$502	Theft Under \$100 - \$566
7 mph over the limit	\$127	Cut Across Median \$202	Minor Possession Alcohol \$502	Unsafe Speed \$299
8 mph over the limit	\$137	Disorderly Conduct \$502	Minor Possession Tobacco \$212	Violate DL Restrictions \$262
9 mph over the limit	\$147	**Expired Registration \$152	Minor DUI \$502	Violate Promise to Appear \$249.10
10 mph over the limit	\$157	Drove Wrong Way \$297	**Muffler Violation \$152	Fail to Appear \$249.10
11 mph over the limit	\$167	Driving While License Invalid \$565	**No Driver's License \$262	
12 mph over the limit	\$177	Driving Without Lights \$297	*No Insurance	
13 mph over the limit	\$187	**Equipment Violations \$297	1st Offense - \$397	
14 mph over the limit	\$197	Excessive Acceleration \$297	2nd Offense - \$1,062	
15 mph over the limit	\$207	**Expired Driver's License \$262	Open Container \$502	
16 mph over the limit	\$217	Fail to Control Speed \$297	Parking on Square \$110	FOR ALL OTHER FINES
17 mph over the limit	\$227	Fail to Dim Lights \$297	Parking on Highway \$150	PLEASE CALL THE COURT
18 mph over the limit	\$237	**Fail to Display Driver's License \$295.00	Possession Drug Paraphernalia \$502	
19 mph over the limit	\$247	Fail to Yield ROW \$297	Public Intoxication \$502	
20 mph over the limit	\$257	Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle \$297.00	Ran Red Light \$297	
21 mph over the limit	\$267	Following too Close \$297		
22 mph over the limit	\$277	Illegal Passing on Right \$297		
23 mph over the limit	\$287	Illegal Turn \$297		NOTE: ON ALL SPEEDING FINES,
24 mph over the limit	\$297	Illegally Passing a School Bus \$302.00		ADD \$25.00 IF IN SCHOOL ZONE
25 mph over the limit	\$299			

*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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