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This Letter is furnished as a **courtesy** to you by the Justice Courts of Uvalde County to assist you in processing the charge filed against you.

- PLEASE NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct) **This means the Judge cannot discuss your citation with you before the trial except for procedural questions.**
- If you FAIL TO RESPOND to the charges BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, an additional charge may be filed against you for **Violate Promise To Appear** with the warrant issued for your arrest. (WARRANT FEES OF \$50.00 will be issued on each charge for EXECUTING OR PROCESSING A WARRANT.)
- A JUVENILE who fails to appear by the time and date on a citation may have their license suspended as required by law (Transportation Code Section 729.001). (Juveniles **MUST** be accompanied by parent or guardian for TRAFFIC & NON TRAFFIC OFFENSE.)
- If you wish to ENTER a PLEA OF GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charges against you. The fine and conviction 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.

Refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court.
(These fines apply only to cases handled prior to court trial or judgment being entered.) RETURN A COPY OF THE CITATION AND THIS LETTER WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT.

- If you wish to enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, advise the court by checking **#4** on the Reply Form on or before the appearance date. You will be notified by the court when to appear for trial and any specific requirements of the court concerning bail requirements, ect.
- DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (CCP Art. 45.0511, Driving Safety Course or Motorcycle Operator Course Dismissal Procedures): **(HOLDERS of a CDL are NOT eligible for DSC.)**
 - You may be able to require that this charge be dismissed upon successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. You will lose that right if, on or before your appearance date, you do not provide the court with notice of your request to take the course.
 - A CHARGE MAY BE DISMISSED BY COMPLETING A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE IF:
 - You submit your application for the Driving Safety Course and it is approved by the Court.
 - You are charged with a moving traffic violation other than 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit, passing a school bus, construction zone violations w/workers present, or certain offenses involving traffic accidents;
 - You have not used this option for a ticket with an offense date, the date you broke the law, that is 1 year from the offense date of your current ticket.
 - You have a valid Texas Driver License other than a Commercial Driver License and you provide the court a copy.
 - You provide the court with proof of liability insurance that complies with state law.
 - You pay the court cost of the ticket (\$146.00) in the form of a Cash, Credit/Debit Card, Cashier's Check, Money Order made out to Uvalde County Justice of the Peace.
 - The Court needs to receive items requested in lines #1, #4, #5 and #6, on or before your appearance date shown on your ticket. You then have 90 days from the date you received your ticket to complete a Driving Safety Course and provide a Certified Copy of your Driving Record from DPS.
 - Obtain a copy of your driving record. You may do this online at www.texasonline.com with a credit card or completing the DPS form (available at www.txdps.state.tx.us) by following the instructions written on the form.
 - Complete a Driving Safety Course that is state approved. (A list is available at www.tea.state.tx.us/drive/.)

