

City of Dawson

MUNICIPAL COURT

-Navarro County-

112 N. Main

P.O. Box 400

Dawson, TX 76639

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A telephone call does not constitute as your appearance or count as your plea.

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### Methods of Payment:

When paying by mail, we accept:

**Money Orders, Cashier's Checks & Personal Checks.**

When paying in person, we accept:

**Money Orders, Cashier's Checks, or Personal Checks (made payable to the Dawson Municipal Court), or**

**\*CASH in the EXACT AMOUNT only.\***

**(COURT DOES NOT MAKE CHANGE .)**

**Do not send any cash thru the mail!**

**No "temporary" bank checks!**

**MAKE PAYMENTS ONLINE @**

**[www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dawsontx](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dawsontx)**

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Regular Office Hours are 8am – 5pm Monday thru Friday (with the exception of regular Holidays and City Office Closings.)

### ~Your PLEA Options~

\*You may plead **GUILTY** and remit the fine. (See schedule of fines.)

\*You may plead **NO CONTEST** and remit the fine.

\*You may plead **NOT GUILTY** and request a Trial by Judge or Trial by Jury.

\*If you plead **NO CONTEST** or **GUILTY**, and If you qualify, you may take a Driver's Safety Course. (See Driver's Safety Course eligibility & procedures.)

**A plea must be made in writing on or before the appearance date shown on the citation.**

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### PLEA FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance at trial. The amount of fine is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NO CONTEST** and waive appearance at trial. The amount of fine is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and I request a trial by a **JUDGE** or **JURY**. (Circle choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I am eligible for and request to complete a **Driver's Safety Course**. I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NO CONTEST**. (Circle choice) **I am enclosing \$114.00 fee & DL & INS.** and the court will send me details as to how to proceed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION # \_\_\_\_\_

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### ~Driver Safety Information~

#### To be eligible for Driver Safety Course:

\*Possess Valid Texas Driver's License or Proof of Active Military Duty (**No exceptions**)

\*DSC not taken in past 12 months (or currently taking) for any traffic violation (**No exceptions**)

\*Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance must be in effect the date of the violation (**No exceptions**)

\*A speeding violation **must be less than 25mph**. If the speeding violation is 25mph and over you will **NOT** be eligible for the Drivers Safety Course. (**No exceptions**)

\*A driver who has a **CDL license is not eligible** for DSC or Deferred Disposition. (**No exceptions**)

\*The Court **must receive** a written **plea** of Guilty or No Contest, **request** for **DSC**, copy of valid proof of **insurance**, copy of valid **Driver's License**, a copy of driving record obtained from DPS and **\$114.00** paid to the Court **on or before** the appearance date on citation. Approval for DSC must be granted by the Court. (**No exceptions**)

\*The DSC must be state approved, whether thru a class, DVD, or online. (**No exceptions**)

\*Once approved, you are allowed a period of **90 days** for the completion of the necessary requirements for DSC dismissal. **The Court must receive all of the required signed documents within the 90 day period.**

**There are no time extensions allowed and there are**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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\*\*\*Deferrals are granted at the Judge's discretion, and are not guaranteed to be approved.  
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**\*DAWSON MUNICIPAL COURT\***

The following are the standard fines with the State costs added for the violations shown. If the offense you were cited for is not on the list or you are not sure which fine applies, please contact the court 72 hours AFTER of receiving citation & have your citation number available for information. Any person receiving a citation and taken to Navarro County Jail must contact the court by telephone within 10 business days.

**POLICE OFFICERS CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FINE AMOUNTS OR COURT PROCEDURES. DO NOT CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CITATIONS OR FINES.**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT DIRECTLY!**

Failure to comply with your signed promise to appear in court, as stated on your citation, will constitute a separate offense with which you may be charged and result in warrants being issued for your arrest. Failure to comply will make you subject to entry into the wanted person's files of this Court. **FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT MAY ALSO RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER LICENSE.**

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SCHEDULE OF FINES	
Speeding MPH Over Limit	Fines & Costs
1-10	198.00
11-15	208.00
16-20	218.00
21-24	252.00
25 or more	contact Court
School Zone	contact Court

OTHER VIOLATIONS

No liability Insurance / FMFR	349.00
Driver-No Seatbelt	170.00
Passenger-No Seatbelt	170.00
No Drivers license	225.00
Disregard stop sign	174.00
Fail to signal turn or lane	contact Court
Unrestrained child	contact Court
Open Container	240.00
Public Intoxication	contact Court
Disorderly conduct	contact Court
All Accidents	contact Court
Violation of City Ordinance	contact Court
Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia	contact Court

*Please CONTACT COURT for any other additional violations and amounts.

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**ALL MINORS ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR WITH A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.**

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COMMERCIAL VEHICLES:

Speeding Violations are calculated the same as private passenger vehicles.

NO D.S.C. or DEFERRED IF YOU ARE THE HOLDER OF A CDL

-NO EXCEPTIONS

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If your offense is that of **Expired Driver's License, Motor Vehicle Inspection or Registration** and you are submitting the proof of renewal, the expiration must be less than 60 days.

Please remember to include a copy of the proof of the renewal, your plea and the dismissal fee of **\$20.00**. The Court **must** have these three items to dismiss the offense.

**IF YOUR OFFENSE IS FOR NO INSURANCE, SUBMIT A COPY OF VALID PROOF OF INSURANCE VALID ON THE DATE OF CITATION.**

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"If you are convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving violence where you are or were a spouse, intimate partner, parent or guardian or other familial relationship with the victim, it may be unlawful for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including handgun, long gun or ammunition, pursuant to federal law under 18 U.S.C. Section 922 (g) (9) or Section 46.04 (b), Texas Penal Code. If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase a firearm and/or ammunition you should consult an attorney."