

REPLY FORM

Complete this form and bring or mail it to Mart Municipal Court at 112 N. Commerce St., P.O. Box 360, Mart, Tx 76664 **PRIOR** to the date on the bottom right-hand corner of your citation (APPEARANCE DATE).

Acceptable payment methods include **CASH, MONEY ORDER/CASHIER'S CHECK** (payable to **MART MUNICIPAL COURT**) or **DEBIT/CREDIT CARD**

(<https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/USER/plc/7006>). **THE COURT DOES NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS.**

If you require receipt please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Name Driver's License No.

Current Mailing Address

Telephone Number

Citation Number

appearance for trial. Acceptable payment as listed above in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed (or I have made payment arrangements). I understand that this charge will be reported as a conviction.

____ I hereby enter plea of **NOT GUILTY** and waive my right to jury trial and request a trial before the **JUDGE**. I agree to keep the Court advised of any address change. (The Court will advise you of the trial date by mail).

____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a trial by Jury. I agree to keep the Court advised of any address change. (The Court will advise you of the trial date by mail).

____ I hereby request to enter my plea **IN PERSON BEFORE THE JUDGE**. I agree to keep the Court advised of any address change. (The Court will advise you of the hearing date by mail).

SIGNATURE DATE

JUVENILES (16 & UNDER) MUST APPEAR IN COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO MAKE A PLEA FOR ANY OFFENSE.

PERSON AGE 18-20 MUST APPEAR IN COURT TO MAKE A PLEA FOR ALL ALCOHOL OFFENSES.

MART MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK DOES NOT TAKE COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CITATIONS OR OFFICER PROCEDURES.

IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT PLEASE CONTACT MART POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES (INCLUDING STATE FEES) EFFECTIVE 01/01/2014

FINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS STATE LAW MANDATES

CONTACT THE COURT CLERK FOR ALL FINES NOT LISTED

SPEEDING OVER THE POSTED LIMIT

1-7 MPH \$202.00

8-14 MPH \$247.00

15-20 MPH \$287.00

21+ MPH \$302.00

ADD \$25.00 TO ALL CITATIONS ISSUES IN A SCHOOL ZONE. CALL THE COURT FOR CITATIONS ISSUED IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT.

- NO LIABILITY INSURANCE 1ST OFFENSE \$361.00

-NO LIABILITY INSURANCE 2ND OFFENSE \$656.00

CHARGES MAY BE DISMISSED UPON PRESENTATION TO THE COURT OF EVIDENCE THAT INSURANCE WAS IN EFFECT ON THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME AND ON THE DATE OF CITATION.

-NO DRIVER'S LICENSE \$271.00

-EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE \$221.00

-LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID \$271.00

-EXPIRED MOTOR REGISTRATION \$168.00

-ILLEGAL U-TURN \$272.00

-UNRESTRAINED CHILD (5-17) \$304.00

-SEATBELT VIOLATION \$154.00

-FAIL TO STOP AT DESIGNATED POINT/ STOP SIGN \$272.00

-DISREGARD FLASHING RED SIGNAL AT STOP SIGN/RED LIGHT \$303.20

-FAIL TO STOP/REMAIN STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS \$427.00

VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE

-DOG AT LARGE \$221.00

-DOG NOT MICRO CHIPPED \$221.00

-DOG NOT NEUTERED \$221.00

-NO PROOF OF VACCINATION \$221.00

-UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF A DOG \$571.00

**City of Mart
Municipal Court
112 N. Commerce,
P.O. Box 360
Mart, Tx 76664-0360
254-876-2462**

The purpose of this letter is to assist you with the disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. **YOU MUST ANSWER FOR THE CHARGE(S) BY MAIL OR IN PERSON, OR THROUGH YOUR ATTORNEY (A TELEPHONE CALL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPEARANCE.) IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, YOU WILL BE CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO APPEAR, WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST (WITH A \$50.00 FEE ASSESSED FOR EACH WARRANT) AND YOU COULD LOSE THE PRIVILEGE TO RENEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR MAY HAVE THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED.**

NOTE: The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial.

Judge's Ability to Dismiss

The municipal judge is responsible for conducting a fair, impartial, and public trial. The case against you is brought by the State of Texas through the prosecutor, not the court. Therefore, the judge may not dismiss a case without the prosecutor having the right to try the case.

There are several exceptions to this rule, including deferred disposition, driving safety courses, and compliance dismissals.

Deferred Disposition

The judge may, in the judge's sole discretion, defer disposition on most cases. The holder of a commercial driver's license (CDL) is not eligible for deferred disposition on moving traffic violations. Costs must generally be paid when the court grants deferred. If you complete the required terms, the case is dismissed, and

the court may impose a special expense fee not to exceed the maximum fine amount authorized by state law. The deferred period cannot exceed 180 days.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, please so indicate on the **REPLY FORM** on reverse side. 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 for a plea of Guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive your right to trial. Please call the Court Clerk at above number for fine amount(s).

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY and would like a trial before the Judge or before a Jury, please so indicate on the Reply Form on the reverse side. The Court will notify you when you **MUST** appear for trial and will advise you of any other required procedures. You must advise the Court of any address change.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER YOUR PLEA IN PERSON BEFORE THE JUDGE, please so indicate on the Reply Form on the reverse side. The Court will notify you when you **MUST** appear. You must advise the Court of any address change.

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

INFORMATION: Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have one moving violation dismissed by taking a Driving Safety Course. **HOWEVER, YOU WILL LOSE THAT RIGHT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COURT OF YOUR DECISION TO REQUEST DSC AND PAY ALL FEES ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE.** You are not eligible for this option if it is a violation of 25 MPH or more above the posted speed limit or 95 MPH, if the offense occurred in a construction zone with workers present, if you hold a CDL License, or if you have completed a DSC under this option within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the citation. You must have had a valid Texas Driver's License or permit at the time of the citation and show proof of financial responsibility. If you wish to take advantage of this option read and complete the Request Form for DSC and return it to the Court with the required fee, a copy of your Texas Driver's

License and proof of insurance on or before your appearance date. You will have 90 days, from the date the Court grants permission for the course, to complete an approved DSC.

REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

FAILURE to remit this form and payment on or before the appearance date on your citation will result in ineligibility for the course. Please answer True or False to each of the statements below. If your answer to any of the statements is "FALSE," you are not eligible for a DSC.

____ I hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive appearance for trial.

____ I possessed a valid TEXAS driver's license or permit (that is not a CDL) at the time of the citation (or a valid out of state driver's license if military affiliation is shown).

____ I have not completed a DSC in lieu of paying a fine within the past twelve (12) months (preceding the date of this citation), am not in the process of taking a DSC to dismiss another offense and have not completed a DSC that is not yet reflected on my driving record.

____ I understand I **CANNOT** take a DSC in lieu of paying the fine if I am accused of speeding 25mph or over the posted speed limit or of driving at a speed of 95mph or if the offense occurred in a construction zone with workers present, passing a school bus, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a Police Officer or failing to give information and render aide.

____ I have **ENCLOSED** proof of **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** (Insurance). A photocopy is acceptable.

____ I have **ENCLOSED** a copy of my valid Texas Driver's License.

____ I have **ENCLOSED** payment (NO PERSONAL CHECKS) in the amount of \$114.00 / \$139.00 if in a school zone.

____ I have **ENCLOSED** a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive necessary forms

from the court to request your driving record and the information about DSC.

____ I understand that I am responsible for completing an approved DSC before the end of the 90-day extension, and that upon receipt of the Certificate of Completion I must remit it to the Court.

____ I understand that this form must be **NOTARIZED IF MAILED.**

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME:

This _____ day of _____ 20____.

Signature of Defendant Requesting DSC

Notary Public