

THRALL MUNICIPAL COURT
P.O. BOX 346 / 104 S. MAIN
THRALL, TX 76578

512-898-5395/ Fax 512-898-4126

Court Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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DAVID DARNELL
MUNICIPAL JUDGE

ROSARIO SANCHEZ
COURT CLERK

This form is to inform the public of Thrall's Municipal Court policies.

1. Telephone calls do not constitute an appearance for court.
2. You may go to trafficpayment.com to pay a citation 24/7. A 3.5% convenience fee is added when paying online or a 3% convenience fee will be added when paying over the phone. Please note the balance must be paid in full.
3. In the case that you pay online or over the phone understand that you are entering a plea of Nolo Contendere (No Contest) and waive your right to a trial.
*The Court will need your plea notarized.
4. If you wish to enter a plea of Not Guilty refer to the reverse side of this form and mark #3 or #4 on the plea form and submit your plea on or before the appearance date. The Court's policy is that once a Not Guilty plea is submitted and accepted the defendant will be set for a Pre-Trial Hearing.
5. The Judge cannot discuss the merits of a pending judicial proceeding prior to trial. (Canon 6 (c) (2) Code of Judicial Conduct).
Court Personnel cannot give legal advice.
6. Warrants may be issued if the court does not receive your plea for each violation(s) by the appearance date of the citation. A Warrant fee of \$50.00 will be added for executing or processing a warrant.
7. **Minors younger than 17 years of age must contact the court with a Parent or Guardian before their appearance date.**
8. Submitting a false statement to a registration clerk is a felony offense.
9. You may refer to the schedule shown on the reverse side to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court.
10. Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have this one **violation dismissed by successfully completing a Driving Safety Course however you may lose that right if you do not provide written notice and a plea of Guilty or No Contendere (No Contest) to the court on or before the appearance date.
11. The Driving Safety Course as a condition of Deferred Disposition: Please review the requirements listed below. In the case you decide and qualify to take the Driving Safety Course go to the reverse side of this form, submit your request by checking #5 on the plea form and fill out the information on the Application & Affidavit for Driving Safety Course (DSC).

*When paying over the phone, the Court will need your plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere (No Contest) submitted and accepted to proceed with payment.

** Confirm with the Court if the violation(s) you were charged with qualifies for an individual to take a Driving Safety Course.

Requirements to take a Driving Safety Course:

1. The alleged speed is not 25 mph or more above the posted speed limit;
2. The offense was not committed in a commercial vehicle;
3. You have not used this option during the last 12 months preceding the offense date and you are not in process of using this option for another offense;
4. You have a valid Texas Driver's License or permit or active Military I.D.
5. You provide the court with proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance) that complies with state law;
6. You provide the court with a **3A Certified** copy of your driving record from DPS, <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/txldrcdr/TXDPSLicenseeManager>

7. The offense was not committed in a construction or maintenance zone when workers were present;
8. You pay the court cost of \$144.00 (\$169.00 School Zone)
9. Commercial driver license operators are **NOT** eligible for the Driving Safety Course.

DEFERRED DISPOSITION: If you wish to request deferred disposition for dismissal of a charge, please contact the court **BEFORE** sending your plea form. Commercial driver's license holders are **NOT** eligible for deferred disposition.

Thrall Municipal Court – Plea Form

Name: _____ Ticket/Citation #: _____
 (Name as it appears on license)

Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

City - State - Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Offense (s): _____ Date of Citation: _____

DOB: _____ Driver License/I.D. #: _____

YOU MUST DATE & SIGN THIS FORM IN FRONT OF A NOTARY CHECK ONE:

- 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial.
- 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE/No Contest and waive appearance for trial.
- 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial by judge.
- 4. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by jury.
- 5. **REQUEST FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE AS A CONDITION OF DEFERRED DISPOSITION**
 (CDL Holders ARE NOT eligible for Deferred Disposition or a Driving Safety Course)

Request must include:
 This form Notarized (Notary Seal with signature)
 Photocopy of Texas Driver License or permit; or active duty Military I.D.
 Proof of current Financial Responsibility (Liability Insurance effective on date of my request as per Transportation Code)
 Payable to: Thrall Municipal Court - Cashier's Check or Money Order for 144.00 or if your citation was in a school zone the fee is \$169.00.
NO CHECKS ACCEPTED.

[APPLICATION & AFFIDAVIT for DRIVING SAFETY COURSE \(DSC\)](#)

I hereby enter a plea of ____ GUILTY or ____ NO CONTEST to the above charge and request the Court to dismiss the charge under the terms of Article 45.0511 C.C.P.

- I certify:
- that I have a valid Texas Driver License or permit or active Military I.D.
 - that the alleged speed was not 95 miles per hour or more; or 25 miles per hour or more over the posted limit and that the offense was not committed in a construction or maintenance zone when workers were present.
 - that I have not taken a course within the past 12 months preceding the date of the offense and am not in the process of taking such a course; and that I have not completed a course which is not reflected on my Driving Record.
 - I understand that I will be charged court costs and a fee and that these fees are non-refundable and must be paid to the court before my charge will be dismissed.
 - I understand that I am not eligible for the Driving Safety Course unless I provide proof of Financial Responsibility (*Liability Insurance*), as required by The Transportation Code.
 - I understand that I must complete and submit to the Court the Defensive Driving documentation within 90 days from the date of judgment. Under pain or penalty of perjury.

Signed under penalty of perjury:

 Defendant's Signature

 Date

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Texas/Court Clerk/Judge

Speeding 30 MILES POSTED LIMIT – OVER ►►►	31-40 MPH = \$213.00 ADD \$5 for each mile.
45 MILES POSTED LIMIT – OVER ►►►	46-55 MPH = \$213.00 ADD \$5 for each mile over.
Speeding in School Zone 20 MILES POSTED LIMIT - OVER ►►►	21-30 MPH = \$238.00 ADD \$5 for each mile over.
30 MILES POSTED LIMIT - OVER ►►►	31-40 MPH = \$238.00 ADD \$5 for each mile over.
Expired Registration *	\$173.00*
No Driver's License	\$262.00
Driving While License Invalid	\$266.00
Permit Unlicensed Person to Drive	\$262.00
Expired Driver's License**	\$195.00*
Fail to Report Change of Address**	\$172.00*
Fail to Display Driver's License **	\$145.00*
Failure to Provide Financial Responsibility ***	\$241.00***
Violate Safety Belt	\$169.00
Defective Equipment, e.g. Headlight, etc. ***	\$206.00**
Fail to Signal Turn or Lane Change	\$220.00
Violate Safety Belt (infant 4 years) *****	\$219.00 *****
Fail to Yield ROW to Pedestrian	\$242.00
Parked in Handicap Zone	\$619.00 *****
Fail to Vacate Lane for Parked Emergency Vehicle	\$269.00
No Motorcycle Endorsement	\$178.00
No Headgear	\$116.00
Failed to stop at designated point (Stop Sign)	\$259.00
Use of Wireless Device in School Zone	\$242.00

***Dismissible with \$10.00 provided remedied not later then 20th working day after offense or before first court appearance, whichever is later, and the court is provided with proof. Expired registration also requires that penalty fee be paid.**
****Dismissible with \$10.00 provided defect is remedied not later then 20th working day after offense or before first court appearance whichever is later, and the court is provided with proof.**
*****Dismissible upon verification of evidence that insurance was in effect on the vehicle driven on the date and time of offense.**
******Dismissible upon statue TC 545.4121 upon proof of compliance.**
*******Dismissible with \$10.00 provided remedied not later then 20th working day from the date of the offense or before the defendant's first court appearance date whichever is later, and the disabled parking placard has not been expired for more than 60 days.**