

ITALY MUNICIPAL COURT  
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 ITALY TEXAS 76651  
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 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**NOTICE: IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY LAW, YOU MAY BE DENIED THE RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE AND ASSESSED AN ADDITIONAL FEE.**

1. This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the **MUNICIPAL COURT OF ITALY, OF ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS** 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 PRIOR TO TRIAL. IF YOU **FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE DATE SHOWN ON THE CITATION, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATING PROMISE TO APPEAR AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.** A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON A CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

2. **IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE**, please so indicate in the proper space provided on the bottom of 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 fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court. Make your remittance by **Cashier's Check or Money Order** payable to the Municipal Court indicated at the top of this letter. Return your copy of the Citation and this letter with your remittance to assure proper credit.

3. **IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, please so indicate on the bottom of the reply form and mail your plea on or before your appearance date. The Court will notify you when you **MUST** appear for trial and any other required procedures. You have a right to trial by jury, if you request.

4. Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that this (one) charge be 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 DESIRE TO DO SO ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE (AS SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION).** You cannot have a speeding citation dismissed if it is a violation of **25 MPH or more above the posted limit** (a defendant with Commercial Drivers License is not eligible), and you are ineligible if you have used this option within the one year immediately preceding the date of the citation, and you must have had a valid Texas driver's license or permit and you must show proof of financial responsibility (insurance). If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, **read and complete the requested form on the reverse side and return it to the Court with the required fee and proof of financial responsibility on or before the appearance date. You have 90 days from your appearance date to provide the court with a uniform certificate of completion and your driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. IF YOU RECEIVE A CITATION FOR SPEEDING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT, YOUR OPTIONS ARE PAY THE FINE OR COME TO COURT. YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION.**

5. **JUVENILES 16 & UNDER MUST CONTACT THE COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

**SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES**

Speeding- \$97.00 Court Cost, \$45.00 Base Fine, add \$4.00 for each mile over the posted speed limit.	
Speeding in School Zone.....	\$297.00
Ran Stop Sign.....	\$214.00
Pass Stopped Emergency Vehicle.....	\$247.00
No Driver's License.....	\$164.00
No Liability Insurance.....	\$363.00
Failure to Stop at Designated Point.....	\$214.00
Open Container Violation.....	\$254.00
Driving on Wrong Side of Road.....	\$247.00
Fail to Drive in Single Lane.....	\$214.00
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.....	\$250.00

If Corrected on or Before Original Court Date, You Pay \$10.00 Dismissal Fee	
Defective Head lamps.....	\$247.00
Obscure License Plate.....	\$164.00
Defective Equipment.....	\$188.00
Failed to Display Drivers License.....	\$138.00
Expired Vehicle Registration .....	\$114.00
Expired Driver License.....	\$164.00
No Valid License or Valid Motorcycle License.....	\$164.00
Failed to Change Address on Drivers License.....	\$179.00

**FOR ANY CHARGES OF FINES NOT LISTED ABOVE, CONTACT THE COURT**

**REPLY FORM:** (Mail to the Municipal Court indicated on the reverse side of this letter. Enclose your copy of the Citation with your reply. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you need a receipt or further correspondence.) **NO PERSONAL CHECKS**

NAME (Print or type as it appears on your driver's license) \_\_\_\_\_ CITATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**

- \_\_\_ 1. I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY and waive appearance for trial. **CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed. (Make your remittance payable to the Municipal Court).
- \_\_\_ 2. I hereby enter a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE and waive appearance for trial. **CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** in the amount of the fine(s) is enclosed. (Make your remittance payable to the Italy Municipal Court).
- \_\_\_ 3. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by Judge and request the Court advise me of my trial date by mail.
- \_\_\_ 4. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and request a trial by Jury and request the Court advise me of my trial date by mail..

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“YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REQUIRE THAT THIS CHARGE BE DISMISSED BY 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.”

SPEEDING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE WITH WORKERS PRESENT IS INELIGIBLE FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE.  
25 MPH or more above the posted limit IS INELIGIBLE FOR DRIVER SAFETY COURSE  
A DEFENDANT WITH A COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE IS ALSO INELIGIBLE

**YOU HAVE 90 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE DRIVING SAFETY COURSE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE COURT BY THE 90<sup>TH</sup> DAY ( NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXTENSION)**

**REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE** - Read carefully. Court will not contact you upon approval.

(FAILURE TO REMIT THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR THE COURSE) Your violation will not be dismissed until the Court receives your Certificate of Completion and Certified Driving Record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety. (MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 90<sup>TH</sup> DAY)

I hereby plead (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ NOLO CONTENDERE or \_\_\_\_\_ GUILTY.

I possess a valid **TEXAS driver's license or permit**. (driver with a CDL is not eligible for a driving safety course)

I **HAVE NOT** taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past 12 months.

I am NOT in the process of taking a driving safety course to dismiss another offense.

I have not completed a driving safety course that is not yet reflected on my driving record.

I understand I CANNOT take the driving safety course in lieu of paying the fine if I am accused of speeding 25 miles an hour or more over the posted speed limit. I will enclose a copy of my Texas Driving record within 90 days of appearance date on ticket. Send DRIVING SAFETY COURSE fee only as listed below - D.S.C. will only resolve one charge.

Driving Record from Texas DPS. You may apply online for CERTIFIED DRIVING RECORD ( TYPE 3A) AT TexasOnline.gov

I ENCLOSE proof of Financial Responsibility (Insurance).

I ENCLOSE a money order or cashier's check made payable to the Municipal Court indicated on the reverse side in the amount of \$107.00 by the appearance date on the citation

I understand that this form must be signed in front of a Notary Public.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

NAME ( Print or type as it appears on your driver's license)

CITATION NUMBER

Current Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number

#### REQUEST FOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION (PROBATION)

Failure to submit request on/before your appearance date will result in ineligibility for probation. **If you are under the age of 25 and request probation you will be required to take a Driving Safety Course. If you hold a CDL you are NOT eligible.** Deferred will be granted to violators at the Judge's discretion. Please be aware that if granted deferred the fine amount will be higher than the original fine. Fee for probation is \$97.00 up front to cover court cost, you will be placed on probation for no more than 180 days. At the end of your probation period, You will pay a special expense fee in the amount of \$200.00, and mail affidavit provided by court.

**Deferred Requirements:** 1. Submit this form signed and dated 2. Copy of Driver's license 3. Self addressed stamped envelope. 4.\$97.00 Court Cost ( Money Order or Cashier Check Only-No Online Payments)

I hereby enter a plea of no contest, for the citation I received. I would like to request Deferred Disposition (Probation) to keep the citation off my record. I have submitted all information above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Citation#

YOU MAY NOW PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.TRAFFICPAYMENT.COM](http://WWW.TRAFFICPAYMENT.COM) OR CALL 1-800-444-1187  
BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CITATION# AND PAY THE CITY OF ITALY