



Hondo Municipal Court Defensive Driving Request

Enclosed are the forms you will need to complete and submit in order to request defensive driving. You will need to choose a plea of guilty or no contest (nolo contendere) on the plea form and sign both the request and affidavit. The affidavit will need to be notarized if you are not signing directly in front of court personnel. To clarify, the affidavit states that you have not taken defensive driving in the last 12 months as doing so would not qualify you for defensive driving. Also, if you have a commercial driver's license or were driving 25 miles OR more over the speed limit you would also not be eligible for defensive driving. Along with these forms you will need to include a copy of your driver's license and current liability insurance card. Once the court receives the completed documents, your request will be reviewed and you will be notified (via email, or phone call) if you have been approved to take defensive driving.

If approved, you will then need to pay court costs (plus the defensive driving administrative fee) in the amount of \$144 to the court in person, by mail, phone (1-866-293-1193) or online payment at www.hondo-tx.org. You will then have 90 days to take the defensive driving course and submit completion to the court. The court also requires a certified copy of your driving record be submitted. This can be obtained directly off of the Texas Department of Public Safety website.

Once all required documents have been submitted to the court, your case will be dismissed. Failure to complete all requirements of defensive driving may result in a conviction on your driving record and a warrant issued against you. Should you have any further questions feel free to contact the court at 830-426-7058 or send an email to court@hondo-tx.org.



PLEA FORM: BY MAIL OR DELIVERY TO COURT (Arts. 27.14(b) and 27.16(b), C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.

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CITY OF HONDO

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MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS

☐ **Plea of Not Guilty**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____ charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I **plead not guilty**.

Initial One:

_____ I want a jury trial.

_____ I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the Court.

I promise to appear, in person, in the HONDO Municipal Court on any date for which this case is scheduled before this Court. I understand that if I do not appear anytime I am required to appear for this case, a Failure to Appear charge may be filed and warrants may be issued for my arrest.

☐ **Plea of Nolo Contendere**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial and that my signature on this **plea of nolo contendere** (meaning "no contest") will have the same force and effect as a plea of guilty on the judgment of the Court. I do hereby **plead nolo contendere** to said offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

☐ **Plea of Guilty**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I do hereby **plead guilty** to the offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

☐ I, the undersigned, do hereby request the amount of fine assessed and the amount of appeal bond that the Court will approve.

Defendant's Signature _____ Date _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Address _____

Work Telephone Number _____

Plea accepted on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge, Municipal Court

City of HONDO





REQUEST FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (Art. 45.0511(b), C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.

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CITY OF HONDO

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MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

I hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense of: _____ (in person)(by counsel)(by certified mail). I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I hereby waive my right to a jury trial, plead (guilty)(no contest), and elect under Article 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure, to take a driving safety course.

I understand that I must present the Court the following with this request:

1. a valid Texas driver's license or permit, or proof that I am a member, or the spouse or dependent child of a member, of the United States military forces serving on active duty;
2. proof of financial responsibility pursuant to Chapter 601, Transportation Code (automobile liability insurance);
3. payment of court costs; and
4. payment of a \$10 nonrefundable administrative fee (*not to exceed \$10*).

I understand that I must:

1. complete a driving safety course or motorcycle operator training course as applicable within 90 days of this request;
2. submit by the 90th day from this request a uniform certificate of course completion of a driving safety course or a verification of course completion of a motorcycle operator training course as evidence that I have completed such a course;
3. submit by the 90th day from this request an affidavit that I was not taking such a course nor had I completed one within the preceding 12 months from the date of my current offense that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (or if I am on active military duty, or am the spouse or dependant child of a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty, that I have not taken a course in another state in the preceding 12 months nor am taking such a course at the time of this request); and
4. submit by the 90th day from this request a certified copy of my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

I understand that:

1. if I comply with the court order granting the taking of a driving safety/motorcycle operator training course and submit all the required evidence as ordered, the Court will dismiss my case and report to the Texas Department of Public Safety the date that I completed my course for inclusion on my driving record;
2. if I fail to submit all the evidence required by the Court, I will be notified of a show cause hearing and be required to appear before the Court to show cause why I did not present the required evidence of course completion;
3. the judge may at the show cause hearing enter a final adjudication against me and require me to pay the fine; and
 4. the failure to appear at the show cause hearing will result in a final adjudication being entered against me, and that I will be required to pay the fine and any additional costs required by law.

I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT.

Defendant's Signature

Date

Defendant's Attorney (if applicable)

Date



AFFIDAVIT FOR A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE (Art. 45.0511(c)(3), C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.

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CITY OF HONDO

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MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS

AFFIDAVIT

I, _____, state under oath that on the date of my request for a driving safety course/motorcycle operator training course in the above numbered cause that I was not taking such a course nor had I completed one within the 12 months preceding the date of my current offense that is not shown on my driving record as maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (or as maintained by the state that issued my driver's license - active military duty personnel only).

Defendant's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Judge)(Court Clerk)(Deputy Court Clerk)
(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)



Editor's Note: Required to be filed within 90 days of the request for a driving safety course/motorcycle operator training course.