

# City of Dawson

## MUNICIPAL COURT

-Navarro County-

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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.**

When **paying in person**, we accept:

**Money Orders, Cashier's 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!**

**MAKE PAYMENTS ONLINE @**

**[www.municipalonlinepayments.com/  
dawsontx](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/dawsontx). This is for paying in full the**

**cost of the citation only. No DSC or DEF**

**is allowed to be paid online.**

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**FOR IN PERSON WALK IN PAYMENTS**

**112 N. MAIN ST. DAWSON, TX.**

### ~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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appearance or count as your plea.**

### 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 \$144.00 or 169.00 if in a school zone, 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 #3A \$12.00** obtained from  
**www.dps.gov** and **\$144.00 if in SCHOOL ZONE**  
**the fee will be \$169.00** 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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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 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.

The judgment and sentence for the offense for which you are charged is the payment of a fine and costs. If ordered to pay a fine and cost and you cannot pay the full amount, please contact the court. If you are determined to have insufficient resources or income to pay in full, the Court can provide you other alternatives to discharge the fine, fees, and cost.

**SCHEDULE OF FINES: SPEEDING**

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 1-10       | 233.00 |
| 11-15      | 243.00 |
| 16-20      | 253.00 |
| 21-24      | 287.00 |
| 25 or more | 324.00 |

School Zone **Contact Court**

**OTHER VIOLATIONS**

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| No liability Insurance / FMFR | 384.00               |
| Driver-No Seatbelt            | 209.00               |
| Passenger-No Seatbelt         | 209.00               |
| Other Seatbelt Violations     | <b>Contact Court</b> |
| No Driver's License           | 260.00               |
| Disregard Stop Sign           | 205.00               |
| Fail to Signal Turn or Lane   | <b>Contact Court</b> |
| Unrestrained child            | 240.00               |
| Open Container                | 255.00               |
| Public Intoxication           | 281.00               |
| Disorderly Conduct            | <b>Contact Court</b> |
| All Accidents                 | <b>Contact Court</b> |
| Violation of City Ordinance   | <b>Contact Court</b> |
| Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia   | 334.00               |

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

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

**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**

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.**

"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."

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