Resolving your violation

Follow these directions:

The first step to resolving your violation is to appear before the court on or before the date on your citation and file a plea.

Make A Plea

After you are issued a citation, you must enter a plea by the appearance date located at the bottom of your citation. Remember only the person who received the citation can enter a plea to the citation. You have three plea options to choose from:

- 1. **No contest (Nolo Contendere)** A plea of No contest means that you do not contest the violation filed against you and you are waiving your right to a trial by judge or jury.
 - When you enter a "No Contest" plea, you may pay the fine specified for the violation.
- 2. **Guilty** By entering a plea of Guilty you admit that at the act is prohibited by law, that you committed the act charged, and that you are waiving your right to trial by judge or jury.
 - When you enter a "Guilty" plea, you may pay the fine specific for the violation.
- 3. **Not Guilty** A plea of Not Guilty means that you are informing the court that you deny guilt to the violation in which you were accused.

What happens if I do not make a plea or ignore my citation?

If you fail to make a plea for each violation shown on your citation, a warrant may be issued for your arrest. For more information on warrants and how to resolve them, please refer to Failure to Appear page.

IF ORDERED TO PAY A FINE AND COST, AND YOU CANNOT PAY IN FULL, NOTIFY THE COURT IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU ARE DETERMINED BY THE COURT TO HAVE INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES OR INCOME TO PAY, THE COURT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE YOU OTHER WAYS TO DISCHARGE THE FINE AND COSTS.

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