

# Freer Municipal Court

Freer City Hall, P.O. Box 540, 304 S. Main St., Freer, Texas 78357

## Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed for lunch)

Office (361) 394-6097 Fax (361) 394-6326

Website: [www.freertx.org](http://www.freertx.org)

## Court (Judge) Session

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**YOU HAVE UNTIL THE DATE ON THE CITATION TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT REGARDING THE CHARGE(S) FILED AGAINST YOU. YOU MUST APPEAR IN PERSON OR BY MAIL. A TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE IS NOT CONSIDERED AN APPEARANCE.**

**IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST**, please indicate on the reply form below. A plea of no contest means you do not contest the charge(s) against you. The fine for a no contest plea is the same as for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court for trial. Please refer to the schedule below to determine the total amount of fine(s) and costs acceptable by the Court. If your violation is not listed below, contact the Court for the amount of fine and costs. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 39 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF PROCEDURE, by paying the fine you are waiving your right to receive discovery information pertaining to your case. If you are requesting discovery information in regards to your case, you must follow the rules of the Texas Criminal Code of Procedure.

**TO PAY IN FULL**, please complete the reply form below. You may pay in full online at [www.freertx.org](http://www.freertx.org) using a credit card or checking account. Paying online automatically constitutes a no contest plea and will result in a conviction on your driving record.

**TO REQUEST TO TAKE A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**, please submit the required form found on the back of this form.

**TO REQUEST A 30 DAY EXTENSION**, please complete the reply form below. Defendants requesting payment plans for more than 30 days are required to appear before the judge for an indigence hearing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m.

**IF YOU WISH TO ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY** and desire a trial, please indicate on the reply form and mail your plea with a \$200.00 appearance bond to the Court on or before the appearance date on the citation. You will be notified by mail when you must appear for pretrial and any other required procedures. You have the right to trial by jury or judge, if you so request.

**IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S)** by the appearance date on the citation, an additional charge will be assessed against you for “Failure to Appear” (\$299) or “Violate Promise to Appear” (\$267) and warrants will be issued for your arrest. Warrant fees of \$50 each will be assessed for executing or processing a warrant. If you fail to appear in court as required by law for prosecution of the offense(s), you may be denied the renewal of your driver license and assessed additional fees. This Court uses Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson to collect delinquent cases.

### JUVENILES-SUMMONS TO PARENT/GUARDIAN OF JUVENILE:

State law requires that juveniles age 16 years and under appear before the judge in person with a parent or legal guardian. A summons to the parent/guardian will be mailed with the official court date. Failure of the of the parent/guardian to appear with the juvenile on the appearance date on the citation may result in arrest and is a class C misdemeanor. A child and parent required to appear before the court have an obligation to provide the court in writing with the current address and residence of the child. The obligation does not end when the child reaches age 17 years. On or before the 7<sup>th</sup> day after the child or parent changes residence, the child or parent shall notify the court of their current address in the manner directed by the court. A violation of this subsection may result in arrest and is a Class C Misdemeanor. The obligation to provide notice terminates on discharge and satisfaction of the judgment or final disposition not requiring a finding of guilt.

### MINORS:

State law requires that all minors (under 21 years) that are charged with alcohol/tobacco related offenses must appear before the judge.

### SCHEDULE OF ACCEPTABLE FINES:

Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility.....\$269

*In the event you did not have insurance at the time the citation was issued but you obtain insurance prior to coming to Court, the Judge will reduce the fine/court costs to \$250.00.*

Driving While License Invalid.....\$299.10

No Drivers License.....\$215

Fail to Display Driver’s License.....\$212

*Charge will dismissed with a \$10 fee upon presentation of Driver’s License*

Expired Vehicle Registration.....\$205

*Charge may be dismissed if defendant remedies this defect and shows written proof to the Court before the defendant’s first Court appearance. An administrative fee of \$20 must accompany proof. Defendant must show proof of payment of late registration (penalty) fee to county assessor-collector. If penalty not paid, \$113 is required.*

Use of Wireless Device in a School Zone.....\$165

Driver/Passenger unrestrained by seatbelt.....\$165

Unrestrained Child.....\$224

Driving While License Suspended.....\$305

Public Intoxication.....\$300

Drug Paraphenalia.....\$255

### SPEEDING

#### No. of miles over the speed limit

1-9.....\$200

10-14.....\$205

15-19.....\$210

20-24.....\$215

25-Up.....\$299.10

### SPEEDING IN A SCHOOL ZONE

#### No. of miles over the speed limit

1-9.....\$225

10-14.....\$230

15-19.....\$235

20-24.....\$240

25-Up.....\$319.10

### REPLY FORM

Mail completed Reply form to Freer Municipal Court, P.O. Box 540, Freer, TX 78357. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you need a receipt. Make money orders payable to the Freer Municipal Court. Credit Card payments (Visa, MasterCard & Discover-fees apply) are accepted by phone (361) 394-6097 and online at [www.freertx.org](http://www.freertx.org). Juveniles 16 and under must appear in court with a parent or guardian.

Name (Print or type as it appears on your driver’s license)      Driver’s License Number      Citation No.

Current mailing address      City/State/Zip      Telephone Number

- I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY or NO CONTEST (circle one) and waive appearance for trial. My full payment is enclosed.
- I hereby enter a plea of GUILTY or NO CONTEST (circle one) and waive appearance for trial. I request a 30-day extension. The defendant shall pay an additional \$25 (on the 31<sup>st</sup> day from the date of request) pursuant to Section 133.103 Local Government Code.
- I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY and enclosed \$200 appearance bond and enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope to be notified by the Court of my pre-trial date.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fine amount\$ \_\_\_\_\_

