

**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)

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**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 TELEPHONE CALL 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 and mail with payment to the address above. Do not mail cash.

**TO REQUEST TO TAKE A DRIVING SAFETY COURSE OR DEFERRED DISPOSITION**, please submit the required form found on the back of this form. Follow the directions carefully. Missed items will result in denial of the request.

**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> Wednesday 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 along with a self-addressed stamped envelope 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 and collection fees are added by the firm.

**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

No Drivers License.....\$299

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

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

Expired Vehicle Registration.....\$113

*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.....\$299

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.....\$324.10

**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 (800) 444-1187 or online at [trafficpayment.com](http://trafficpayment.com).** 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      Email address

Current mailing address      City/State/Zip      Telephone Number      Citation 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 a self-addressed envelope to be notified by the Court of my pre-trial date.

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

**DRIVER SAFETY COURSE REQUEST FORM**

You may be able to request that one charge (moving violation only) be dismissed by successfully completing a driver safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. **You will lose that right, on or before your appearance date, if you do not provide the Court with the completed application of your request to take the course in person or certified mail return receipt requested.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

**ALL LINE ITEMS BELOW MUST BE INITIALED (Missed Items will result in denial of the request):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby plea \_\_\_\_\_ GUILTY OR I hereby plea \_\_\_\_\_ NO CONTEST  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 39 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF PROCEDURE, by paying the court costs and requesting DSC 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I possess a valid Texas driver's license or permit. I do not hold a CDL license.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have not taken a driving safety course in lieu of paying a fine during the past 12 months (class date to violation date).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not in the process of taking a 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 or accused of speeding in a construction zone at any speed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am providing proof of my financial responsibility (vehicle insurance) with this application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am providing payment with this application to Freer Municipal Court in the amount of **\$109.10** (or \$134.10 if the offense occurred in a school zone). **If I mail my application, I understand I need to send it via Certified Mail return receipt requested.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have 90 days to complete a driver safety course approved by the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations [www.tdlr.texas.gov](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov) and to provide the court with the original class certification showing successful completion of the driving safety course with the name of this Court. Your signature is required on the certificate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have 90 days to request a certified copy (form 3A) of my driving record from the Department of Public Safety and to submit it to the Court. Order online at [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov) or pick up form from the Court.

If you have complied with the above requirements, you are eligible for the course and will not receive any further correspondence from the Court. Your signature must be signed in front of a Notary Public!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**DEFERRED DISPOSITION REQUEST FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

**ALL ITEMS BELOW MUST BE INITIALED AND COMPLETED. MISSED ITEMS WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF DEFERRED:**

I swear or affirm that the following statements are true:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I waive my right to trial and enter my plea of NO CONTEST.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was not charged with exceeding the posted speed limit in excess of 25 miles per hour or more or cited in a construction zone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I do not possess a Commercial Driver's License in any State.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have not had deferred disposition for dismissal of a class C misdemeanor citation within a one (1) year period to the issue date of my citation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not currently on deferred disposition (probation) for any citation in any other Court.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a money order for the fine amount.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope size 4" X 9 1/2".
- I understand that if deferred disposition is granted:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ After receiving approval from the judge, I will receive my Deferred Disposition Order by mail at the address provided above.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be placed on probation for a period of time not to exceed three 3 months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If under the age of 25, I will be required to take a Driver Safety Course as a Term of Probation, per CCP 45.051.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I must return the affidavit provided by the Court at the end of my probation period.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If I violate any terms of my probation, this citation will not be dismissed and a conviction will be reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety to be included on my driving record.

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 39 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF PROCEDURE, by paying the special expense fee and court costs and requesting deferred disposition, 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.

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