

DRIVING SAFETY COURSES

Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to require that a charge be dismissed by successfully completing a Driving Safety Course or a Motorcycle Operator Training Course. To be eligible to take a Driving Safety Course for ticket dismissal, you must:

- Possess a valid Texas Driver's License or permit.
- Show proof of financial responsibility or vehicle liability insurance in your name or with you as a listed driver.
- Enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest".
- Not have completed a Driving Safety Course within one year preceding the date of the current citation.
- Pay the court costs and applicable fees before taking the Driving Safety Course.
- Not have been cited with speeding 25 mph or more over the posted speed limit.
- Not possess a Commercial Driver's License.
- Not received the citation for an offense committed in a construction zone with workers present.

You may request permission to take the Driving Safety Course in person, by mail, or by fax. Your request must be made within 10 calendar days of the date of citation. If you choose to make your request by mail or fax, you must submit the following information:

- Name and mailing address
- Plea of "guilty" or "no contest"
- Copy of valid driver's license
- Copy of proof of insurance
- Copy of citation

If applying by mail or fax, please wait until you have received a letter from the court before taking the course. Once the court receives your request, a letter will be mailed to you. Enclosed will be an affidavit you will need to sign and mail back to the court along with the state cost/fees of \$107, or \$132 in a school zone. An application for a copy of your Driving Record will also be enclosed. Upon approval, you will have 90 days to successfully complete and return your documents (Certificate of Completion and Certified Driving Record) to the court.

If you fail to complete any of the requirements by your due date, your case will be set for a Show Cause Hearing and a letter will be mailed to the address on your citation. There are no resets for a Show Cause Hearing except for an emergency that can be verified by a Court Personnel. If you fail to appear at the Show Cause Hearing, judgment will be imposed. You will have 10 days from the Hearing date to either pay or appeal the total judgment before a "capias pro" fine warrant is issued. You may waive your Hearing by signing the waiver on your Show Cause letter or by writing to the Court to waive your Show Cause Hearing and pay the remaining balance of the fine. *Make all payments payable to the City of Sachse.*