

PLEA FORM: IN PERSON

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.

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CITY OF _____

§

_____ **COUNTY, TEXAS**

PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I have been informed of my right to a jury trial and that my signature on this plea of nolo contendere (meaning "no contest") will have the same force and effect as a plea of guilty on the judgment of the Court. I do hereby plead nolo contendere to said offense as charged, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and agree to pay the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that payment of the fine and costs constitutes satisfaction of the judgment and waiver of the right to appeal. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

Defendant's Signature Date

Address

PLEA OF GUILTY

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I do hereby plead guilty to the offense as charged, waive my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and agree to pay the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that payment of the fine and costs constitutes satisfaction of the judgment and waiver of the right to appeal. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

Defendant's Signature Date

Address

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I plead not guilty.

Initial One:

_____ I want a jury trial.

_____ I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the Court.

I promise to appear, in person, in the _____ Municipal Court on any date for which this case is scheduled before this Court. I understand that if I do not appear anytime I am required to appear for this case, a Failure to Appear charge may be filed and warrants may be issued for my arrest.

Defendant's Signature Date

Address

Plea accepted on this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Judge, Municipal Court

City of _____

(municipal court seal)

Editor's Note: Under Article 26.13, C.C.P., prior to accepting a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, the court must make certain admonishments (see *TMCEC 2019 Bench Book*: Chapter 4 Appearance and Pleas).

Additionally, under 45.041(a-1), C.C.P., during or immediately after imposing a sentence in a case in which the defendant entered a plea in open court as provided by Article 27.14(a) or 27.16(a), the justice or judge shall inquire whether the defendant has sufficient resources or income to immediately pay all or part of the fine and costs.