

Rockdale Municipal Court

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Office Hours: M-F 8:30A-12:30P and 1:30P-4:30P

Our Mission Statement:

“Our mission is to be neutral, courteous, helpful, and fair for all members of the public.”

Your Rights:

1. You are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
2. You have the right to remain silent and to refuse to testify without consequences.
3. You have the right to retain a lawyer.
4. You may also represent yourself (as a pro se defendant).
5. You have the right to plead guilty, not guilty, or no contest.
6. You have the right to receive a copy of the complaint before trial as well as other information the state has about your case (called “discovery”).

- ◇ Your Court appearance date is listed on the citation.
- ◇ You will need to take care of your citation **ON** or **BEFORE** your schedule Court date.
- ◇ To learn your options, please contact the Court or visit the website listed above.
- ◇ A phone call **DOES NOT** constitute a Court appearance, but it will provide you with necessary information and options regarding your citation.

Consequences of ignoring your citation:

Failure to attend Court appearance as ordered will result in:

1. A request to DPS to deny renewal of your drivers license;
2. A separate criminal charge of Failure to Appear OR Violate Promise to Appear filed against you;
3. An arrest warrant issued against you; and
4. Additional fees will be added against you for items 1-3 above.

For compliments or complaints on an officer, you may call 512-446-3436, send email to policedepartment@rockdalecityhall.com, or send by US mail to: Rockdale Police Department, Post Office Box 586, 312 East Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

So, you received a citation.

Now what?

Are you a **JUVENILE** (16 years of age and under)?

- ◆ If yes, you **MUST** appear in Court with a parent or guardian.
- ◆ Juveniles **MAY NOT** reply by mail.

Was the citation for **FAMILY VIOLENCE**?

- ◆ If yes, you **MUST** appear in Court.
- ◆ You **MAY NOT** reply by mail.

Is the citation for a **COMPLIANCE** violation?

Compliance violations include, but are not limited to:

- Expired Vehicle Registration
- Fail to Report Change of Address or Name
- Fail to Display Driver’s License
- No Liability Insurance

- ◆ If yes, you **MAY** be eligible for dismissal if certain requirements are met.
- ◆ You **MUST** contact the Court prior to correcting the violation issue for more information on the requirements for dismissal.

Is the citation for a **MOVING** violation?

- ◆ If yes, you **MAY** be eligible to request a Driving Safety Course (DSC) if you meet the required criteria.
- ◆ You **MUST** contact the Court prior to taking the DSC course for approval from the Judge.
- ◆ **DO NOT** submit an online payment if you are requesting DSC.

For **ALL** violations:

- ◆ Enter a plea in writing either in person, by mail, or through counsel.
- ◆ If you enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY**...
 - ◇ You will be set for **Pre-Trial** to meet with Prosecutor to...
 - ◇ Reach resolution of case with Prosecutor...OR...
 - ◇ Be set for Bench or Jury Trial
- ◆ If you enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NOLO CONTENDERE** (No Contest)...
 - ◇ **PAY** citation (either in full or request a payment plan).
 - ◇ You may be eligible to request **DEFERRED DISPOSITION** if you meet certain criteria. Contact the Court for more information regarding Deferred.
 - ◇ If you are found to be **INDIGENT**, you may be given alternative means of discharging the fine and costs. Contact the Court regarding indigency hearings.
 - ◇ More information on indigency is available on the Court website or by contacting the Court.