

# CITY OF BELLS MUNICIPAL COURT



203 S Broadway (903) 965-7744  
Bells, TX 75414 (903) 965-0250 (fax)  
court@cityofbells.org

Defendant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Citation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense Charged: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may have this citation dismissed by Deferred Disposition in lieu of a conviction on my driving record. I also understand that Deferred Disposition is a privilege, not a right, offered solely by the discretion of the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_ I swear that the following statements are true:

- 1) I waive my right to trial and enter my plea of NO CONTEST. I was not charged with speeding in excess of 25 mph. I was charged with an offense eligible for Deferred Disposition and have verified this fact with the Court.
- 2) I do not possess a commercial driver's license in any state.
- 3) I am providing the Court with A PHOTOCOPY of BOTH my valid driver's license and Insurance Cards.
- 4) I am enclosing the Special Expense Fee of \$75.00 and the Fine amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ along with this request. (Please call the Bells Municipal Court at 903-965-7744 to obtain this amount.)
- 5) AFTER receiving approval from the Judge, I will receive a copy of my Deferred Disposition Order mailed to my address provided below, and I will read it carefully. I understand I will be placed on probation for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months and IF I VIOLATE any term of my probation, this citation will NOT be dismissed, and a conviction may be reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- 6) I understand that there may be other conditions on my Deferred Disposition Order that I will have to comply with such as taking a Driving Safety Course. Please call the Bells Municipal Court at 903-965-7744 to find out other possible conditions related to your age and type of violation.

Defendant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Deferred Disposition**

The court offers the option to “defer” or postpone the disposition of your case and place you on probation for a specified period of time, typically 90 days. During the deferral period, you must comply with the terms and conditions of your deferral. Terms vary.

Deferred disposition applies to misdemeanor offenses punishable by fine only, with a few exceptions.

**Please be aware the type of offense you have been charged with and the facts of your particular case may be considered to determine if you are eligible for a deferral.**

If you successfully comply with the terms of your deferral in the timeframe ordered by the Court, your case will be dismissed.

## **Deferral Procedure:**

You may submit your request in person, by mail, email or fax:

1. Contact Bells Municipal Court to verify eligibility.
2. Complete and submit a copy of the deferred disposition request form
3. Make payment of fine and court fees.
4. Supply a copy of your driver’s license and insurance to the Court.
5. Your case will be reviewed and, if your request is approved for a deferred disposition, you will receive notice in the mail listing your deferral period and any requirements.

## **UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE???**

If you are under 25 you will be required to take a driver safety course as a condition of deferred disposition.

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## **UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE???**

If you hold a provisional license (under 18 years of age), in addition to the driver safety class noted above, you are also required by Texas law to take the DPS driving test as a condition of deferred disposition.

## **Failing to Comply with the Terms**

If you fail to comply with any of the requirements of the Deferred Disposition, your case will be set for a revocation hearing. The hearing is your opportunity to speak with a judge regarding why you failed to comply with terms of your deferred disposition. If you fail to appear at your hearing, a conviction will be entered, the conviction will be placed on your record, and, if there is still a balance on the case, a warrant for your arrest will be issued.

**\*Note: It is important to keep the Court notified of your current mailing address, so you do not miss important correspondence.**