

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay In-Person. You may pay the assessed amount in person at the office located in the courthouse; 100 W. Liveoak St., Ste 103, Coleman, Tx. 76834. In-person payments may be made by cash, money order, cashier check, credit or debit card. (no personal checks)

Pay by Phone. You may call (325) 625-4223 to pay over the phone with a credit or debit card.

Pay by Mail. You may remit payment of the assessed amount to Coleman County JP, 100 W. Liveoak St., Ste 103, Coleman, Tx. 76834 by money order or cashier check. (no cash in the mail)

Acceptable Methods of Payment include:

Cash (in-person only)

Credit Card

Debit Card

Cashier Check

Money Order

NO Personal Checks

Contact the Court to find out
the exact amount of your citation.

See the Schedule of Fines
on the opposite page.

THE FIRST STEP IS TO MAKE YOUR APPEARANCE WITH THE COURT

Every defendant must make an appearance by entering a plea in writing. The Code of Criminal Procedure, Sec. 27.14, allows for a defendant to simply pay the assessed amount, thereby entering an automatic plea of no contest, resulting in a conviction. ***You do not have to physically appear in Coleman, Tx.*** You can enter an appearance in writing by: e-mail, regular mail, or fax. You can, if you choose, enter a plea in person at the office.

Juveniles (age 10 to 16) must appear in person with a parent or guardian.

YOUR PLEA OPTIONS

UNCONTESTED PLEAS:

Plea of Guilty. Means you are admitting, outright, that you are guilty of the offense, for the public record.

Plea of No Contest “Nolo Contendere”. Means that you are not contesting the offense you are charged with. The public record will not reflect that you admitted guilt outright, only that you did not “fight the ticket”.

Either one of the uncontested pleas above are required for a deferred disposition.

CONTESTED PLEA:

Plea of Not Guilty. Means that you deny guilt and you want your case to be heard before the court or a jury. You will be set for a pretrial hearing that includes a conference with the prosecutor. Your physical presence will be required for the hearing you requested.

DEFERRED DISPOSITIONS TICKET DISMISSAL OPTIONS

Forms to request these options are available on the court website or you may call for assistance

Driver Safety Course (DSC), aka “Defensive Driving Course (DDC). You have a right to this option, so long as you meet the prerequisites.

- Requires an Uncontested Plea be entered on or before your appearance date
- Not allowed for CDL (A or B) licenses
- Must have not completed a DSC with in the last 12 months
- Not allowed for Speeding over 95 mph
- Not allowed for Speeding 25 mph over the posted limit
- Not allowed for Passing a School Bus
- Not allowed for Construction Zone with Workers Present
- Texas DL required or Active Military Status required
- Fine amount removed and replaced with lower dismissal fee
- Leads to ticket dismissal

Deferred Adjudication. The Court has the option to allow this; however, you do not have a right to this option.

- Requires an Uncontested Plea be entered on or before your appearance date
- Probation period ranging from 30 to 180 days
- No citations during probation period
- Fine amount removed and replaced with a special expense fee
- Leads to ticket dismissal

ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT

OF COSTS AND FINES

Depending on your financial situation, the judge may be able to offer you alternative methods to earn credit towards your costs and fine. You must submit a Statement of Inability to Pay Form and attach the necessary financial documents as proof in a timely manner.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW IS REQUIRED

This court reports convictions to the Texas Department of Public Safety; statistics to the Office of Court Administrations; Holds on driver licenses to the Texas Fail to Appear/Fail to Pay registry; past-due amounts to a collection agency; and issues warrants to any Texas Peace Officer for execution.

COMPLIANCE DISMISSAL MAY BE POSSIBLE

FOR CITATIONS REGARDING

LICENSE, REGISTRATION, AND INSURANCE

Contact the court to inquire if you may be eligible for a compliance dismissal

Compliance dismissals may require a dismissal fee in some cases



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(325) 625-4223 Office

(325) 625-4154 Fax

GET THE FORMS AND INFORMATION YOU NEED FROM THE WEBSITE, OR E-MAIL/CALL AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE

SCHEDULE OF FINES AND COSTS

SPEEDING:

1-5 mph over	\$170.00
6-10 mph over	\$185.00
11-15 mph over	\$195.00
16-20 mph over	\$220.00
21-25 mph over	\$235.00
26-30 mph over	\$265.00
31-35 mph over	\$310.00
36 mph or more over	\$330.00

No Liability Ins	\$310.00
Unsafe Speed	\$195.00
Fail to Control Speed	\$195.00
Equipment not approved	\$200.00
Illegal window film	\$160.00
Defective headlight(s)	\$200.00
Fail to display DL	\$200.00
Fail to report change of address	\$160.00
Permit unlicensed minor/person to drive	\$210.00
Violate DL restriction	\$200.00
Fail to maintain single lane	\$195.00
Fail to stop at stop sign or traffic light	\$195.00
Disregard no passing zone	\$200.00
Following too close	\$200.00
Display expired registration	\$160.00
Operate unregistered vehicle	\$160.00
Violate farm registration	\$160.00
Fail to signal lane change or turn	\$180.00
Fail to yield right of way	\$210.00
Racing or contest of speed	\$200.00
Drive wrong side of road when not passing	\$195.00
No driver license	\$180.00
Violate seat belt law	\$185.00
Violate child restraint law	\$220.00

Dollar amounts shown to the right include court costs and fine amounts.