MUNICIPAL COURT

AMENDED TRAFFIC VIOLATION BUREAU ORDER

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This Amended Traffic Violations Bureau Order hereby replaces the previous Traffic Violations Bureau Order entered on September 5, 2016.

You have been charged with a violation of the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Code and/or the Municipal Code of the City of Hobbs. On most traffic violations, you may choose to pay the penalty assessment and not see the judge. If you choose to pay the citation after asking to see the Judge, you must sign a Appearance, Waiver, and Entry per statute. If you cannot pay the full penalty assessment at this time, you may request to see the Judge for making payment arrangements. The Judge is the only one that can approve putting anyone on a Payment Agreement.

If you choose to pay the citation instead of having a court appearance, the citation will go on your record at the Motor Vehicle Department.

If the "Penalty Assessment" box is checked on your citation, you must pay the penalty assessment by mail. The citation **cannot** be scheduled for a Traffic Arraignment, deferral or Defensive Driving.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 OR STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU MUST HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH YOU AND BOTH MUST SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS.

PENALTY ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS, TRAFFIC CASES:

The following are some of the more common traffic violations and the penalty assessment amount for each. This amount includes the \$39 court cost.

First Offense

Second Offense

Third Offense

MANDATORY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (12-10-6, NO INSURANCE):

\$139.00

\$189.00

\$239.00

FOURTH AND SUBS. \$339.00

OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE (12-3-1):

\$139.00

\$189.00

\$239.00

FOURTH AND SUBS. \$339.00 - 90 DAYS

RIDING WITH INTOXICATED DRIVER OR PERSON UNDER THE **INFLUENCE OF DRUGS (12-6-13.1 (E)):**

First Offense

Second Offense

Third Offense

\$139.00

\$189.00

\$239.00

FOURTH AND SUBS. \$339.00 - 90 DAYS

If your citation is for No Insurance, No Registration, expired registration, or No Driver's License, and you can show proof that you were in compliance at the time of stop, the Court will **DISMISS** the citation PER THE RULES. If an individual is stopped for defective equipment or exired registration and are now in compliance; or received a first offense citation for traffic lights, speeding (10 miles or under), or stop or yield sign (without involved in accident), please tell Court staff immediately. The Court staff has been given descretion to **Defer** the citation for 90 days per the Judge, however, the individual is responsible for paying Court Costs in amount of \$39.00 and it will not go on there record

YOU HAVE THREE PLEA OPTIONS:

- 1. NOT GUILTY: Your pretrial or trial will be scheduled in six to eight weeks. You may appear with or without an attorney. If you want an attorney, the Court will only accept a not guilty plea today.
- 2. GUILTY: The TVB will can take your plea today only if it does not carry mandatory jail time. If it doesn't, the TVB will have you sign a Waiver and Plea.
- 3. NO CONTEST: The TVB will can take your plea today only if it does not carry mandatory jail time. If it doesn't, the TVB will have you sign a Waiver and Plea. The No Contest Plea is not an admission of guilt, but a plea that you are not contesting the charges and do not want a trial. A no contest plea is treated the same as a guilty plea for sentencing purposes.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS, YOUR RIGHTS, WHAT YOU ARE CHARGED WITH, OR THE POSSIBLE PENALTIES, YOU SHOULD SEE THE JUDGE. YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT WITH YOU.

JUDGE, BEN HARRISON