

PONDER MUNICIPAL COURT

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM FINES and STATE COURT COSTS

Effective 1/2008

PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM BEFORE CALLING THE COURT

This form is furnished to you as a courtesy by the Municipal Court of the Town of Ponder to assist you in making disposition of the charge or charges filed against you.

Speeding (miles over the posted speed limit)

1-10	\$188.00	21-25	\$218.00	41-50	\$268.00
11-15	\$198.00	26-30	\$228.00	51/up	\$288.00
16-20	\$208.00	31-40	\$258.00		

ADDED \$25.00 IF VIOLATION OCCURRED IN A SCHOOL ZONE

VIOLATION AND FINE/STATE COURT COST

No Insurance	\$275.00	No Seat Belt	\$172.00
No/Exp. Vehicle Inspection	\$180.00	Ran Stop Sign	\$242.00
Fail to Stop for School Bus	\$371.00	No/Exp. Driver License	\$263.00
Fail to Change Address (DL)	\$172.00	Poss. Drug Paraphernalia	\$395.00
No/Exp. Vehicle Registration	\$147.00	Unrestrained Child	\$217.00

For violations not listed below, please contact the court clerk at (940) 479-2396.
A CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER A TRAFFIC LAW OF THIS STATE
OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY RESULT IN THE
ASSESSMENT ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A SURCHARGE UNDER
THE DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM.

You must appear either in Person or by Mail by your appearance date shown on the bottom of your citation. Failure to respond to the charges filed against you by your appearance date will result in a "Failure to Appear" charge, warrants being issued for arrest, and denial renewal of your Drivers' License.

I HEARBY ENTER A PLEA OF (CHECK ONE):

- Guilty/No Contest I waive my right to a jury trial and my payment is included.
 Guilty/No Contest I waive my right to a jury trial and request deferred disposition (probation)
 Guilty/No Contest I waive my right to a jury trial and request Driving Safety. My \$107.00 is included.
 Not Guilty I request to appear in court in front of the judge.

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
ZIP _____
PHONE # _____ TICKET # _____

MAIL TO: PONDER MUNICIPAL COURT, P.O. BOX 553 PONDER, TX 76259
COURT IS LOCATED IN TOWN HALL BUILDING: 405 SHAFFNER
Payments accepted are Cash, Checks, and Money Orders

**YOU CAN NOT TAKE CARE OF THIS CITATION OVER THE PHONE.
HAVE YOU READ BOTH SIDES??**

JUVENILES (UNDER THE AGE OF 17) ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE IN OPEN COURT WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT FOR A COURT DATE.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE COURT WITH A CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS.

PAYMENTS: If you wish to enter a plea of Guilty/No Contest, and pay the fine, please indicate on the Plea form (reverse side) and return with your full payment. Plea of Guilt/No Contest means that you waive your right to a jury trial. If you cannot pay the fine, you are required to contact the court for a 30 day extension to pay the fine or to request a payment plan (\$25.00 time payment fee is required).

DEFERRED DISPOSITION: You must enter a Plea of Guilty/No Contest and request probation from the court. Speeding violations must not exceed 25 miles over the limit to be eligible. If probation is granted, you will be assessed a fine. You will be given a ninety (90) day probationary period in most cases. If the probationary period is successfully completed, your citation will be dismissed. Effective 9/2005, Defendants under the age of 25 who are requesting Deferred Disposition are **required** to also complete Driving Safety Course. (CCP, 45.051)

DRIVING SAFETY COURSE: You must request and be granted approval by the court on or before your appearance date in order to take Driving Safety Course to dismiss citation.

Requirements:

- 47894. You must have a valid **Texas drivers license (Commercial DL not eligible)** ;
- 47895. Your violation must have been a moving violation;
- 47896. Speeding violations must have been **less than 25 miles over posted speed**;
- 47897. Must not have completed course in the past 12 months; and
- 47898. You must have proof of liability insurance in your name.

Procedure for taking the Driving Safety Course:

- 47979. Pay the Court the **\$107.00** court cost fee (\$132.00 for school zone);
- 47980. Register and pay for your Driving Safety Course (must be T.E.A. approved);
- 47981. Mail \$10.00 to the TX DPS for your driving record (form will be provided to you);
- 47982. Complete your Driving Safety Course and return certificate of completion and driving record back to the Court **within 90 days of appearance date (extensions are not granted)**;
- 5. Must successfully complete 90 day probation period. Failure of completion will result in conviction of charges and payment of original citation fine.

Requests by mail must be accompanied with court cost fee, this form, and your citation.

You will receive the required forms in the mail. It is your responsibility to provide the court with correct mailing address.

DISMISSALS: Violations such as expired drivers license, expired motor vehicle inspection or registration, may be eligible to have the citation dismissed if you meet all of the following:

- 1) Expired less than 60 days;
- 2) Violation corrected within 10 days of issuance of citation;
- 3) Provide proof and pay a \$20.00 dismissal fee to the court.

NO INSURANCE: Failure to maintain financial responsibility may be dismissed with proof by mail or bring proof in person with no dismissal fee. If you did not have current insurance at the time the citation was issued, you are not eligible for dismissal.

COURT APPEARANCES: If you choose to enter a Plea of Not Guilty, you will be placed on the court docket and will be notified of a court date. You may hire an attorney or represent yourself. You have the right to a bench trial in front of the judge or a jury trial.