**Should I Take a Driving Safety Course**

**Or**

**Request Deferred Disposition to Have My Traffic Ticket Dismissed?**

**DSC DEFERRED**

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|  | **DSC** | **DEFERRED** |
| **ELIGIBILITY** | • Any moving violation (not for“paperwork offenses” such asinspection/registration or defectiveequipment)• Valid Texas Driver’s License• CDL Holders are not eligible• Valid Texas Auto LiabilityInsurance.• Must not be taking DSC foranother offense• Must not have taken DSC in pastyear to dispose of another offense• Requires plea of “No Contest” or“Guilty”• **Must request before appearance****day or will require judge’s****approval** | • Any Violation• Valid Texas Driver’s License• CDL Holders are not eligible• Valid Texas Auto LiabilityInsurance• Requires Plea of “No Contest” or“Guilty”• **Must have judge’s approval**(May require court appearancefor certain offenses) Court willconsider:o Seriousness of violationo Accident/Injuryo Other offenses at time ofincidento Offender’s driving record |
| **OFFENSES****EXCLUDED** | • Offenses in construction zoneswhen workers are present• Speeding 25 miles or more overthe speed limit• 95 miles per hour or more• Passing a School Bus• Reckless Driving• Fleeing/Eluding Police• Failure to Stop and Render Aid• Failure to Stop at Accident:Damage• **Any offense according to****Judge’s discretion.** | • Offenses in construction zoneswhen workers are present.• **Any offense according to****Judge’s discretion.**• **Court Policy:** Failure to stop inobedience to traffic controldevices (Red lights, stop signs,etc. requires personalappearance in court) |
| **LENGTH OF****PROBATION** | 90 Days (Three months) | 30-180 Days |
| **COSTS UP****FRONT** | Court cost at time of request plus $10. Administrative fee. | Special Expense(Full fine amount) andCourt CostsCall for amount |
| **EXTRA****EXPENSES** | $10.00 to Department ofPublic Safety$25-$100 for certifieddriver safety course | • Drivers who hold provisionallicenses must pay $10 toDepartment of Public Safety forexamination fee (Effective9/1/2005)• Drivers under age 25 must pay$25-100 for driving safety course(Effective 9/1/2005) |
| **CONDITIONS****OF****PROBATION** | 1. No moving violations during periodof probation2. Obtain Driving Record from DPS3. Take driving safety course4. Provide court with Driving Recordand certificate of coursecompletion before end ofprobation | • No moving violations duringperiod of probation• Return affidavit of compliance• Drivers under age 25 mustcomplete a driving safety courseapproved under Chapter 1001,Education Code (Effective9/1/2005)• Drivers who hold provisionallicenses must be examined bythe Department of Public Safety(Effective 9/1/2005)• Proof of course and examinationcompletion must be provided tothe court |
| **PENALTY****FOR NON -****COMPLIANCE** | 1. Conviction2. Payment of Additional Fine3. Offense reported to DPS4. Potential warrant for arrest if fineremains unpaid | 1. Conviction2. Bond forfeited to Fine3. Offense reported to DPS |