



## MANOR MUNICIPAL COURT COMMON QUESTIONS

### What are my options?

#### Plea of Guilty or No Contest

Pay the Fine and Court Costs

Request a Deferred Disposition \*\*

Request a Driving Safety Course \*\*

Request a Payment Plan

Show Compliance

*(Information concerning Compliances, go to "What are compliance Dismissals?" in the Common Questions Tab)*

#### Plea of Not Guilty

Request a Jury or Bench Trial

*(Information on Trials, go to "What should I expect when I request a trial with the Court?" in the Common Questions Tab)*

\*\*If you hold a **Commercial Driver's License** you are **not eligible** for a Deferred Disposition or a Driving Safety Course for any moving violation.

If you are **16 years of age and below** you are required to attend a Juvenile Docket with your parent or legal guardian. You will receive a notice of appearance in the mail specifying the date of your hearing. This hearing is for the juvenile to enter a Plea of Guilty, No Contest, or Not Guilty before the Municipal Judge. You will be notified by US Mail when your scheduled Court date is. **FURTHERMORE**, Juveniles have the right to expunction for certain Penal and Misdemeanor offenses. Please refer to: [NOTICE OF RIGHTS OF EXPUNCTION](#)

If you are **20 years of age and below AND committed an Alcohol, Drug, or Tobacco offense**, you are required to appear before the Judge and make a plea in open court. You will be notified by US Mail when your scheduled Court date is.

### What does No Contest mean on the Plea Form?

A plea of No Contest means you are not contesting the charge against you, but simply taking care of the fine and court costs. A No Contest Plea will result in a Guilty Judgment and a conviction will be reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety. *You are responsible to understand the Driver Responsibility Act and any charges incurred by the State of Texas.*

**FURTHERMORE**, the difference between a Guilty and No Contest plea is that the No Contest plea may not later be used against you in a civil suit for damages. For example, in a civil suit arising from a traffic crash, a guilty plea can be used as evidence of your responsibility or fault.