

DEFENSIVE DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS – DEC 2020

If you choose the option of Defensive Driving instead of paying the original violation amount you must:

1. You must not have done a Defensive Driving class within a complete 12 months of the date you are applying to complete the current Defensive Driving class.
2. You must not be a CDL license holder (Regardless if the violation occurred in a private vehicle).
3. You must be a State of Texas driver license holder with valid license, unless active duty U.S. service member or dependent.
4. You must be equal to or greater than 25 years old. **DSC not allowed under age 25 for Driving Safety Dismissal.**
5. If the defendant has a provisional license and the offense is a moving violation, the conditions must include that the defendant retake the driving test.
6. Violation for speeding 95 mph or more total speed; or 25 mph or more over the posted speed limit.
7. Violation for passing a school bus, violation in a construction zone with workers present, or leaving the scene of an accident without exchanging information, failing to stop & render aid after injury accident.
8. Your ticket must be for Rules of the Road except for violations listed above.
9. You must have a valid Texas driver license & provide proof of insurance on a current insurance policy.
10. You must make a written request for defensive driving which may be done in a blank space on your plea form.
11. Bring your driver license & insurance card that does not exclude you as a covered driver & covers the vehicle you were ticketed for, to the office to make a copy for our file or mail a copy of each to the address below on or before the appearance due date.
12. Go to the State website at www.texas.gov (official site) & choose “Request Driving Record” option on or before the appearance due date.
13. Print your 3 year driving record (certified type 3A, required) and submit it to the office or mail it when the DDC course is requested by mail to be received on or before the appearance due date.
14. Pay \$144.00 (Court Costs & DSC Fee) cash, credit/debit card, cashier’s check or money order - made out to **Justice of the Peace, Camp County** at the time of your written request to do Defensive Driving after the required documents are approved but on or before the appearance due date.
15. After approval, take a Defensive Driving Safety Course online or in the area as soon as possible **but within 90 days of when you were given permission to take the course.** Make sure to allow time to get your certificate, sign it and submit it to our office on or before the 90th day. See 18b below for drivers under 25.
16. Sign your completed DSC certificates (which may be mailed to you) and return the **original “Court Copy”** to our office within 90 days of when you were given permission to take the course. You will also receive an Insurance copy that you will need to sign & take to your insurance company.
17. **Failure to complete the course & send the signed original document within the 90 days will result in a final conviction, the original fine amount being restored and doubled, Time Payment Fee will be added, remaining balance will be due immediately, & Show Cause Hearing will be scheduled. If you fail to appear at any court dates, the case will proceed to a final conviction and you will incur collection fees (30%) added to balance when it is reported to the collection agency.**
18. Defensive Driving is/was currently offered locally in Mt Pleasant at the following restaurant. You will need to contact the number below for the amount, date and time and to sign up.
 - a. Catfish King, 1708 S. Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455 by calling **1-888-906-6541** or look up www.adsofNet.com to sign up. In Person classes may not be available during COVID-19 Restrictions.
 - b. You may also choose a class where you live locally or do a class online as long as it is approved by the State of Texas Licensing & Registration. **Drivers under 25 need to choose a course that meets the requirements of Deferred Disposition Order designed for defendants under 25.**

Our office address is: Justice of the Peace, Camp County, Texas, 115 Dr. M. L. King Jr. Avenue, Suite C, Pittsburg, TX 75686. You may also access the plea form and payment by credit card on our county website at www.co.camp.tx.us. My email address is Janice.crain@co.camp.tx.us - phone number 903-856-3961, and fax number 903-855-0305 if you need to contact me. **Do Not Lose this information or your ticket as it will be needed when you take the class and when you get the DSC certificate ready to be returned to us.**