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The Justice Courts of Camp County furnish this letter to you as a courtesy. This is the only correspondence you will receive from the court before you enter your plea. Law does not require this correspondence but it is to assist you in making a disposition of the charges filed against you. Read and follow the instructions below. These instructions will allow you to handle this by mail, or for a trial date to be set.

1. If you wish to enter a plea of **GUILTY** or **NOLO CONTENDERE**, please indicate in the space provided below. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the State's charge(s) against you. The **fine** for a Nolo Contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea will indicate that you agree to waive appearance before the Court for trial. Please call the Court Clerk to determine the amount of your fine(s) and costs assessed against you. Make your remittance by **Cashier's Check** or **Money Order** to the **CAMP COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**. Return this form (signed and dated, and with correct address and driver license number) with your remittance to assure proper credit.
2. If you wish to enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and desire a **TRIAL**, you must so indicate in the proper space provided below, and a trial date will be set. If you enter a plea of Not Guilty, you must make an effective appearance before the Court. You have a right to trial by jury if you so request.
3. **Warning: if you fail to appear in court as required by law, you may be DENIED the renewal of your driver license and assessed an additional fee. If you are a nonresident, your state will be petitioned to SUSPEND YOUR DRIVER LICENSE until the charge has been taken care of.**

You may be able to require that this ticket be dismissed by successfully completing a driving safety course or a motorcycle operator training course. You will lose that right if, on or before your appearance date, you do not provide the court with notice of your request to take the course. **Persons under the age of 17 must bring a parent or guardian with them to court to enter their plea.** If you want a receipt, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

The Judge of this Court receives a salary and has no personal gain from the money collected by this court.

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Please check one of the following:

1. I hereby enter a plea of "**Guilty**" and waive appearance for trial.
2. I hereby enter a plea of "**Nolo Contendere**" (no contest) and waive appearance for trial.
3. I hereby enter a plea of "**Not Guilty**" and I further request a trial date to be set; and request a trial by Judge.
4. I hereby enter a plea of "**Not Guilty**" and I further request a trial date to be set; and request a trial by jury.

"I understand that when I plead not guilty and request a trial by jury or trial by Judge, I will receive a notice from Justice Court at a later date, and that notice will inform me of the date in which I must appear for my trial."

ALTERNATIVES TO PAYMENT OF FINES AND COSTS

A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment against them if they are unable to pay the fine or costs, in whole or in part.

Those alternative methods include:

- 1) A payment plan, allowing the defendant to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals. Note that if any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs then a \$15-time payment fee must be assessed.
- 2) Disposition of the amount assessed by performing community service. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for community service, see Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for full details. A defendant is entitled to a minimum of \$100 credit for every 8 hours of community service performed.
- 3) If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay is entitled to a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.

Date: _____ Signature: _____ DL#: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number _____

*Note: It is always wise to make and retain copies of this and/or any other documentation for future reference.