

Rice Municipal Court, 305 N Dallas St (PO Box 97), Rice, TX 75155

Phone: 903-326-7511

Court Hours: Monday – Friday 8am - 4:30pm

1. READ YOUR CITATION. Wait 72 hours after getting your ticket before contacting the court. The information below is furnished to assist you in making a disposition of the charge(s) filed against you. You can only make an appearance in writing or in person before the Judge. A phone call does not constitute an appearance.
2. If you are a JUVENILE (16 years of age or younger), you must APPEAR IN PERSON before the Judge with a parent or legal guardian. Juveniles who violate their promise to appear by the date on their citation may have their license suspended as required by law.
3. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE (DSC):
 - You must make the request for DSC either in writing or by appearing in person at the municipal court on or before your plea court date listed above your signature.
 - You must enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest".
 - You must pay \$144 court costs in full at the time you make the request. There are no extensions or payment plans for this payment. If you received a violation in a school zone add \$25 Child Safety Fee for a total of \$169.
 - You must show proof of valid automobile liability insurance with your name on the policy.
 - You must show proof of a current Texas Driver's License.
 - You must submit a notarized statement stating you have not taken a course for ticket dismissal within the 12 months preceding the date of your citation
4. YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE A FOR DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE IF:
 - You are accused of speeding 25 miles/hour or more than the posted speed limit or you are traveling 95 miles per hour or above
 - Your violation occurred in a construction zone when workers were present; or
 - You have a commercial driver's license.
5. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION: Approval, length of the deferral period and terms and conditions of the deferral order are subject to the Judge's discretion.
 - You must make the request for such either in writing or by appearing in person at the Municipal Court on or before your plea court date listed above your signature.
 - You must enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest".
 - Drivers under the age of 25 are required to take a driver safety course as a term or condition of the deferral order.
 - Drivers who hold a provisional driver's license are required to retest at DPS
6. YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION if you have a commercial driver's license.
7. If you wish to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest), please indicate it in the proper section below. A plea of no contest means that you are not contesting the State's charge(s) against you. Either plea indicates that you waive your appearance before the court or jury for trial.
8. If you wish to enter a plea of not guilty and desire a trial, please indicate it below and mail it to the court on or before the plea court date on your citation. Be sure to indicate whether you want a trial before the court or before the jury. You will be notified by mail of your trial date and time. Your request for a trial date is also a promise to appear on the date your trial is set. If you fail to appear for trial an additional charge of failure to appear for trial

may be filed and warrants issued for your arrest. Enclose a copy of your citation with your reply. If you would like a return receipt for payment, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Payment may be made by cashier's check or money order (by mail or in person). Make your remittance payable to the Rice Municipal Court. Personal checks will not be accepted. **Payment may be made with a credit card or debit card by calling 800-444-1187 or at www.trafficpayment.com. A processing fee will apply.**