

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) I have the right to be represented by an **attorney** even if I intend to plead guilty. I have the right to **appointed counsel** (provided at no cost to me) if I cannot afford my own attorney and my case is one in which jail time can be imposed. The right to appointed counsel **DOES NOT** apply to **a minor traffic violation for which this court does not impose jail time**. I have the right to a continuance or a reasonable delay in the case in order to get an attorney.
- 2) I have the right to a **jury trial** in serious offenses. I have a right to a jury trial for a petty offense if my case is one in which jail time can be imposed., if I make a written jury demand at least 10 days before trial or 3 days after getting notice of the trial date, whichever is later. My right to a jury trial in serious offenses can only be waived in writing.
- 3) A plea of **GUILTY** is a complete admission of guilt. A plea of **NO CONTEST** is not an admission of guilt but an admission that the facts contained in the complaint are true. A plea of no contest cannot be used against me in another proceeding. A plea of **NOT GUILTY** is a complete denial of guilt.
- 4) If I plead **Guilty or No Contest** to a charge **I give up my right** to the following: a) to a trial; b) to a trial by jury—per #2 above; c) to call witnesses; d) to compel or require witnesses to appear on my behalf; e) to confront prosecution witnesses; and, f) to require the City or State to prove the charges against me beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 5) I have the right **NOT** to testify on my own behalf at trial and that fact that I do not testify cannot be held against me.
- 6) I have the right to bail for all bailable offenses.
- 7) I have the **right to remain silent** at any point in the proceedings as anything I say may be used against me.
- 8) If I am **NOT A CITIZEN** of the United States and I plead guilty or no contest to a criminal charge, I may be subject to deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.
- 9) In traffic cases, the court must report a conviction of a moving violation to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and points may be charged against my license as a result.

I hereby state that I have read and understand the above information.

Ticket Number

Date_____

Defendant_____

Signature