

**SCHEDULE OF FINES**  
**Effective January 1, 2008**

Contact the Court only for charges not listed.

Fines may be **increased** on a **second** or **subsequent** violation or if the violation occurred in a **School/Construction Zone**.

**Speeding Violations:**

First 10 mph over limit	\$175.00
Each additional mile – add	\$ 5.00

**Moving Violations:**

Failure to Control Speed	\$175.00
Running Stop Sign/Red Light	\$175.00
Failure to Yield Right of Way	\$175.00

**Driver License Violations:**

No Driver's License	\$215.00
Permitting Unlicensed Driver to Drive	\$269.00

**\*Inspection Sticker Violations** \$155.00

**Registration Violations:**

*Expired Registration/No front plates	\$155.00
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**Seat Belt Violations:**

No Seat Belt	\$150.00
Child Not Secured by Seatbelt/Safety Seat	\$210.00

**OTHERS:**

Failure to Appear	\$300.00
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**\*\*Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility (1<sup>st</sup>)**  
 \$325.00

*Defective Vehicle Equipment	\$155.00
Parked in Handicapped Space	\$302.00

**\*See #2 Compliance Dismissals inside brochure**

**\*\*Charges will be dismissed upon presentation to the court within 10 working days of PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (Insurance) provided the Insurance was current at the time of the citation.**

**FINES**

The maximum fine for most traffic violations is \$200. The fine for criminal offenses can be up to \$500. Violations of city ordinances may carry a maximum fine of up to \$2,000. The judge may assess the fine amount at his/her discretion within the fine range.

**COURT COSTS & FEES**

Court costs set by state legislation will be added to the fine amount. These costs differ depending on the offense and are included in the fine amounts listed in this brochure. **THE JUDGE MAY NOT WAIVE OR REDUCE COURT COSTS.** Warrant fees will be added if a warrant is served or processed.

**JUVENILES**

*The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over juveniles (16 years or younger) charged with Class C misdemeanor offenses and traffic except public intoxication. ALL JUVENILES ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN OPEN COURT FOR ALL PROCEEDINGS ON THEIR CASES. A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY ALL PERSONS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER.*

*Juveniles who fail to appear in court may have an additional charge of failure to appear filed against them. Juveniles who fail to appear or who fail to pay their fine will be reported to the Department of Public Safety and their driver's license will be suspended. If they do not have a driver's license, they will not be able to obtain one until they have disposed of their case.*

**City of Brenham  
 Municipal Court**

P.O. Box 1059/200 West Vulcan St.  
 Brenham, Texas 77834

Monday – Friday  
 8am – 4:30pm

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE BROCHURE  
 BEFORE CONTACTING THE COURT**

PH: 979-337-7599  
 Fax: 979-337-7504

Email: courts@ci.brenham.tx.us  
 Website: www.ci.brenham.tx.us

**For your convenience, citations may be paid  
 online.**

You have been charged with an offense which is within the jurisdiction of the City of Brenham Municipal Court. **You must make an appearance in person or by mail within 10 working days of the date on your citation.** A telephone call does not constitute an appearance and will not prevent issuance of a warrant.

Arraignments are held every Wednesday at 9:45 am and 3:45 pm at the City of Brenham Municipal Court located at 200 West Vulcan Street. You may appear to make a plea; however, your case will not be tried at this time. The Judge may not discuss the merits of your case. However, upon a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere (No Contest), he may discuss payment or alternative disposition solutions. **If you wish to take care of your citation by mail, please use the attached REPLY FORM.**

**Police Officers CANNOT answer questions about fine amounts or court procedures. DO NOT call the Police Department – this matter is now under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.**

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A **Plea of GUILTY** means that you admit that the act is prohibited by law, that you committed the act charged, and that you have no legal defense for your act. You should understand the following:

- You are innocent until proven guilty.
- Your plea of guilty may be used against you later in a civil suit. (e.g., if there was a traffic accident, another party can say you were at fault or responsible for the accident because you pled guilty to the traffic charge).

A **Plea of NO CONTEST** means that you do not contest the charge against you. You will almost certainly be found guilty, unless you are eligible and successfully complete a driving safety course and/or deferred disposition. Also, a plea of no contest cannot be used against you in a subsequent civil suit for damages.

**If you plead guilty or nolo contendere (no contest),** you must include a waiver of a jury trial. The full fine may be paid by mail or in person by cashiers check, money order, or credit/debit card. **(See attached Reply Form.)**

A **Plea of NOT GUILTY** means that you deny guilt or that you have a defense in your case and the State must prove the charges against you. If you plead not guilty, you will need to decide whether to hire an attorney or represent yourself.

If you plead **NOT GUILTY**, the court will schedule a jury trial unless you waive that right and request a trial by judge. The Court will send you a notice by certified mail setting the date of your trial. **(See attached REPLY FORM).**

#### THE FOLLOWING CASES CAN ALSO BE HANDLED BY MAIL:

1. **DRIVING SAFETY COURSE:** You may qualify for a mandatory deferral of a traffic violation by taking a Texas Education Agency approved Driving Safety Course (DSC). To be eligible you **MUST**:
  - ❖ have a valid Texas driver's license and valid Insurance
  - ❖ have not completed a DSC in the prior 12 months of receiving your citation for the purpose of offense dismissal.
  - ❖ have not been cited for 25 mph or more over the speed limit

You **MUST** submit the attached REPLY FORM **within 10 working days** of the date of the offense along with the following items :

1. Proof of liability insurance

2. Copy of valid Texas driver's license
3. Court cost amount of **\$112.00** in the form of a money order or cashier's check.

Within 90 days of being granted DSC, you will be required to present a certified copy of your driving record, a notarized affidavit to the court and a certificate of completion.

#### 2. **COMPLIANCE DISMISSALS:**

**a. Expired Driver's License** may be dismissed upon proof of renewal presented to the court within 20 working days from the date of the citation and payment of a **\$20.00** administrative fee.

**b. Expired Inspection Certificate** that has not been expired over 60 days may be dismissed upon proof of renewal presented to the Court within 20 working days after the citation and payment of a **\$20.00** fee; a defendant who receives a citation for an expired inspection certificate that has been expired over 60 days must make a plea or pay the fine amount.

**c. Expired Registration Sticker** may be dismissed upon proof of renewal indicating that the *penalty fee* was paid to the Tax Office and presented to the Court within 20 working days with a **\$20.00** administrative fee paid to the Court.

**d. Fail to Report Change of Address or Name** may be dismissed upon proof that address/name was changed and presented within 20 working days to the Court with payment of a **\$10.00** administrative fee.

**e. Defective Equipment** may be dismissed upon presentation of proof of equipment repair. Presentation must be made before the first court appearance with payment of a **\$10.00** administrative fee.

**f. Fail to Display DL** may be dismissed upon presenting proof of a valid driver's license at the time of the offense and payment of a **\$10.00** administrative fee.

**g. Violate Driver's License Restriction** may be dismissed if the restriction was due to a physical condition that was surgically corrected and DPS removed the restriction before the defendant's first court appearance with payment to the Court of a **\$10.00** administrative fee.

**h. Operate Vehicle without Plates or with One Plate** may be dismissed if registration was current during offense and registration insignia was attached to the car before the defendant's first court appearance with payment of a **\$10.00** administrative fee.

**i. Display Altered, Unclean, or Obscured Plates** may be dismissed upon proof that the defect was remedied and presented to the Court before the first Court appearance with payment of a **\$10.00** fee.

#### REPLY FORM PLEASE DETACH

ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE CITATION WITH YOUR REMITTANCE. MAIL TO:

**BRENHAM MUNICIPAL COURT  
P.O. BOX 1059,  
BRENHAM, TX 77834-1059**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby waive trial by jury and enter a plea of **GUILTY**. Cashier's check or money order in the amount of the fine is enclosed

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby waive trial by jury and enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** (No Contest). Cashier's check or money order in the amount of the fine is enclosed

3. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY**.  
**(Please check one below)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like a Jury trial.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I waive my right to a jury trial & request a trial by Judge.**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE** and enter a motion for a Driving Safety Course for the purpose of dismissal of one violation. Enclosed is a cashier's check or money order for **\$112.00 (\$137.00 if in a School Zone)** court costs along with a copy of my driver's license and proof of insurance. Make checks payable to Brenham Municipal Court. **It is REQUIRED that you mail your payment by certified mail, return receipt requested.**

**Citations may also be paid IN FULL online by visiting [www.cityofbrenham.org](http://www.cityofbrenham.org)**

**IMPORTANT:** If you fail to appear in court or fail to pay or satisfy judgment as provided by law for the prosecution of the offense, you may be denied renewal of your Driver's License.

Ticket #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_