

NOTICE

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEFENDANT

1. You must appear in court on the court appearance date shown on the front of this ticket except as provided below.
2. If you have not settled this case prior to the appearance date and you do not appear in court on that date, a warrant will be issued for your arrest and the Department of Public Safety will be notified to suspend your driver's license.
3. You do not have to appear in court for the following offenses unless you have been convicted of, or plead guilty to, two or more traffic violations during the preceding 12 months (parking tickets excluded):

Speeding Driving on wrong side of road Failure to dim headlights Failure to stop at railroad crossing Failure to use a child restraint Failure to wear safety belts Failure to yield right of way Following too closely	IMPROPER: Backing Brakes Lights Muffler Passing Signal Tag Tires Turn	No helmet (motorcycle rider) Running red light Running stop sign Stopping on highway Violating driver's license restriction or endorsement Improper or no rearview mirror
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Other minor traffic offenses may be added to this list which will allow you to plead guilty before a magistrate. You may contact the court shown on the reverse side of the ticket to determine if the offense with which you are charged is included. If you are charged with one of the above offenses and have not been convicted of two or more traffic violations during the preceding 12 months, you may enter a plea of guilty either in person or by mail to the court clerk or magistrate not later than 24 hours before the court date shown on the ticket. To do so, you must sign the "Plea of Guilty/Waiver of Rights" set forth below and present this copy of the ticket and pay all fines and court costs.

4. You must contact the court for the amount of the fine and court costs.
5. Penalty points are assessed upon conviction under the provisions of Alabama statutes and the Alabama Department of Public Safety's Point System and may result in the suspension or revocation of your driver's license by the Department of Public Safety.

PAYMENT MUST BE BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IF MADE BY MAIL.

PLEA OF GUILTY/WAIVER OF RIGHTS YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED OF YOUR RIGHTS AS A DEFENDANT IN THIS TRAFFIC CASE (Please Read Carefully)

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the offense charged within this complaint. I understand that I have certain constitutional rights which I will waive if I plead guilty, namely: the right to a trial before this court; the right to an attorney of my choice, or if I cannot afford one, one appointed by the court; the right at trial to subpoena witnesses on my behalf, to confront and cross-examine witnesses against me and to argue and make objections; and the right to testify in my own behalf. I also understand that I cannot be forced to testify against myself and that I am presumed innocent and that this presumption can be overcome only if the prosecution convinces the judge or jury of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

I understand my constitutional rights set out above and the punishment that will be imposed if I elect to plead guilty before a magistrate. I also understand that my plea of guilty will have the same force and effect as a judgement of conviction by the court and that a record of this conviction will be sent to the driver license division of the Alabama Department of Public Safety (or of the state where I received my license to drive). This may result in the suspension or revocation of my driver's license and may adversely affect my ability to maintain or secure automobile insurance. I further understand that this conviction may result in enhanced penalties on subsequent convictions. I understand my rights and the matters set out above and hereby voluntarily and knowingly waive such rights by pleading guilty as evidenced by my signature below. I further state under penalty of law (Section 13A-10-109, Code of Alabama 1975), that I have not been convicted of two or more traffic violations during the preceding twelve months.

Defendant's Signature

Date

Defendant's Name (print or type)

6. **For Minor Equipment Violations:** Local municipal ordinances may allow you to have the equipment repaired with 72 hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, and present your ticket to any law enforcement officer within the jurisdiction of the offense charged. This officer after inspection of your vehicle may, by signing below, recommend that the charge be dismissed. You must then deliver or forward the ticket to the court clerk at the address on the front of this ticket.

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT REPAIRED (OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO DISMISS CHARGE)

Equipment Inspected			Inspecting Officer's Name, PRINTED AND SIGNED:		
Date of Inspection		Time:	Officer ID		Agency ORI Number
Mo	Day	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		AL