

IN THE AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO
Traffic Division

By entering this NOT GUILTY PLEA, I understand that the Prosecutor's Office may contact me to attempt to resolve my case(s) with a plea bargain. I understand that I am under no obligation to accept any potential plea bargain.

Please check one:

STATE of OHIO) Case No. _____ TRD _____
Plaintiff)
v.) COVID-19 WARNING: FACE COVER
) REQUIRED DURING COURT
)
_____) WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY
Defendant) AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
RIGHTS
(For minor misdemeanors only)

- I hereby voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently waive my right to a speedy trial, as provided by R.C. 2945.72.
- I request that my Court trial be held within the time provided by law (30 days from arrest or summons on a minor misdemeanor charge).

YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH A TRAFFIC OFFENSE IN THE AKRON MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC COURT. YOU MUST DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

By entering this NOT GUILTY plea, I acknowledge that, it has been explained to me that due to the Public Health Emergency for the Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, the Court will not require my appearance for arraignment on this matter. However, I may be required to appear for subsequent court dates.

1. APPEAR IN-PERSON ON YOUR SCHEDULED ARRAIGNMENT DATE. DUE TO COVID-19, ACCESS TO THE COURT IS LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS, PROSECUTORS, DEFENDANTS, SUBPOENAED WITNESSES, VICTIMS, VICTIM ADVOCATES, INTERPRETERS AND PERSONS THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ANY OF THE ABOVE WHO ARE HANDICAP/DISABLED.

If a warrant was previously issued in this matter, I request that the Court recall the warrant and enter the written plea of Not Guilty.

Defendant's Signature

Defendant's Address

Defendant's Cell Number

Defendant's Email Address

-OR-

2. YOU MAY WAIVE YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE IN COURT AND ENTER A **WRITTEN NOT GUILTY PLEA** BY SIGNING AND RETURNING THIS FORM **BEFORE** YOUR SCHEDULED ARRAIGNMENT DATE.

Defense Attorney Name, Address, Phone Number, Bar Registration #, If Applicable

I understand and acknowledge that I have the right to counsel; the right to remain silent; the right to bail; the right to a reasonable continuance; the right to subpoena and present witnesses on my behalf; the right to confront my witnesses; the right to require the City or State to prove me guilty beyond a reasonable doubt; the right to trial by judge or jury and the necessity to making a written jury demand in petty offense cases, pursuant to Criminal Rule 23. I hereby enter a plea of NOT GUILTY, which is a complete denial of the facts. I further waive my right to an in-court initial arraignment appearance. I waive any and all defects in my arraignment in this matter and request a trial in the above captioned case. I also acknowledge that if I am convicted the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may impose points and a record of my conviction will be sent to the BMV and become part of my driving record.

By entering this NOT GUILTY PLEA, I acknowledge having been given a copy of the traffic citation(s) and waive reading of the offense charged because I am aware of the substance of the charge(s) filed against me.

By entering this NOT GUILTY PLEA, to this misdemeanor offense, I agree to this matter being assigned to the Traffic Magistrate for the Akron Municipal Traffic Court and waive my right to trial by judge.

YOU MAY RETURN THIS FORM BY:

1. MAIL: CLERK OF COURTS/TRAFFIC DIVISION, 217 S. HIGH ST. AKRON, OH 44308
2. FAX: TO THE CLERK OF COURTS/TRAFFIC DIVISION AT 330-375-2024
3. HAND DELIVERY: 217 S. HIGH ST. AKRON, OH 44308

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT DATE. FAILURE TO APPEAR ON YOUR SCHEDULED COURT DATE OR FAILURE TO RETURN THE FORM BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT DATE WILL RESULT IN A FORFEITURE OF YOUR LICENSE OR A WARRANT. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND CONSTITUTE A FAILURE TO RETURN THE FORM/FAILURE TO APPEAR.