



CITY OF HOUSTON

Municipal Courts Department



DEFERRED DISPOSITION APPLICATION

Deferred Disposition is a suspended sentence. Deferred Disposition will avoid points against your license. You must request approval for Deferred Disposition on or before your arraignment date by mail or in person. Upon your plea of guilty or no contest, the Court will defer a finding of guilt, assess court costs, and order that you post a bond and comply with certain conditions.

If you successfully comply with the terms, your case will be dismissed and the bond money applied to a special expense fee. If you fail to comply with the terms, a judgment will be imposed, a conviction will be reports to DPS, and the bond money will be applied to the fine.

IMPORTANT: If you are under the age of 25, you will be ordered to take a Driver Safety Course as a condition of Deferred Disposition.

BY MAIL - You may apply for Deferred Disposition via mail by submitting the items below. The Judge will review your driving history and deferred disposition will only be granted at the discretion of the reviewing Judge. You will be notified by mail if your request is granted. **Please mail your application to: City of Houston Municipal Courts, P.O. Box 4996, Houston, TX 77210-4996.**

Items required to request Deferred Disposition:

1. Your driver's license (not a CDL),
2. Current proof of insurance, and
3. Payment of bond in the amount of:
 - \$214.00 - For each non-accident traffic case
 - \$229.00 - For each non-accident speeding - 14 miles or less than the posted speed limit
 - \$259.00 - For each non-accident speeding - 15 miles to 25 miles over the posted speed limit
 - \$254.00 - For each non-accident school zone case
 - \$279.00 - For each accident case;
4. Deferred Disposition Application must be signed

There are certain cases which require you to appear in person to request Deferred Disposition. Requests by mail **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** for the following offenses:

- *26 miles or more over the posted speed limit
- *Any offense by a holder of CDL (Commercial Driver's License)
- *Passing a school bus
- *No liability insurance
- *Any traffic violation that occurred in a construction zone with workers present
- *Non-traffic cases
- *Juvenile cases (must appear in person with parent or guardian)

IN PERSON - You may apply for Deferred Disposition for the above offenses in person at the Annex Court or on your scheduled court date; please bring the items listed above. Bond amounts are set by the court and may differ per case. Visit our www.houstontx.gov/courts for Court Locations and hours of operation.

I wish to apply for deferred disposition. I waive my right to a jury trial, discovery, and plead (check one box below):

Guilty No Contest

Name - Signature

Date

Name - Print

Address

City, State

Zip Code

Telephone No.

Citation Number

Description of Violation(s)