Cause No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
VS	§	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, 3-1
_____	§	BRAZORIA COUNTY
DEFENDANT'S NAME		

DEFENDANT'S PLEA

I have been charged with the offense of _____.
(VIOLATION LISTED ON TICKET OR COMPLAINT)

Prior to entering a plea, I understand I have the right to employ an attorney to represent me**. I understand that if I am a pro se defendant, meaning that I am representing myself, that before entering a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or before trial, I have the opportunity to view and inspect the State's file and its contents in this case, including offense materials and statements. I also understand that I have a right to a jury trial, should I not waive that right.** The following are my plea options:

Not Guilty: A plea of not guilty states that you are not guilty of the charge filed against you.

Nolo Contendere (No Contest): A plea of no contest states that you are not contesting the charge filed against you.

Guilty: A guilty plea states you are guilty of the charge filed against you.

I understand that a plea of guilty or no contest may result in a conviction appearing on my criminal or driving record. I understand that if I have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, I should contact an attorney.

Check one:

_____ I waive my right to a jury trial and hereby enter a Plea of *Nolo Contendere* (No Contest)

_____ I waive my right to a jury trial and hereby enter a plea of *Guilty*

_____ I enter a plea of *Not Guilty*

Defendants Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone # _____

TXDL # _____ **(PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE I.D. WITH THIS FORM)**

Alternatives To Payment of Fines & Costs

A defendant who is convicted of a criminal offense punishable by fine only is entitled to alternative methods of satisfying the judgment against them if they are unable to pay the fine of costs, in whole or in part. Those alternative methods include:
(1) A payment plan, allowing the defendant to make payments toward the fine and costs in designated intervals. Note that if any amount is paid more than 30 days after the judgment assessing the fine or costs then a $15 time payment fee must be assessed.
(2) Disposition of amount assessed by performing community service. There are many options that meet the requirements of the law for community service, see Art. 45.049 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for full details.
(3) If performing community service imposes an undue hardship, a defendant who is indigent or who lacks sufficient resources to pay may be eligible for a waiver of the fine and costs, in whole or in part.