

**All payments and request can be mailed to Brookshire Municipal Court  
P.O. Box 160, Brookshire, Texas 77423  
Phone (281) 375-5050**

### **FINE SCHEDULE**

*If upon reading this you are unsure, contact the court; however, please do not be argumentative with the court personnel or the conversation will be terminated immediately.*

**If you wish to speak to the Judge, please appear on your assigned court date.  
Please be aware that a phone call does not constitute an appearance.**

Defective equipment violations	\$150.00
Driving while license suspended	\$200.00
Expired inspection	\$135.00
Expired registration	\$135.00
Failure to signal turn	\$140.00
No drivers license	\$160.00
No Insurance	\$244.00
No seat belt – Adult	\$150.00
No seatbelt – Child	\$202.00
Right of Way Violations	\$175.00
Ran red light	\$160.00
Ran stop sign	\$160.00
Speeding	\$160.00 for first ten miles plus \$5.00 each additional mile

### **PAYMENT**

You may enter a plea of guilty or no contest and pay your fine. All fines listed above include state mandated court cost. If you have extenuating circumstances and you are unable to pay your fine you may request a payment plan. If you need more than thirty days to pay your fine, a \$25.00 time payment fee will be added to each violation. You must appear before the Judge to request a payment plan.

**Forms of Payment accepted:**

Cash (In person only) Cashiers Check, Credit Cards, Money Orders, Personal Check (\$25.00 return check fee for all personal check returned)

## ENTERING A PLEA

You may enter a **Plea of Guilty** –by a guilty plea you admit that the act is prohibited by law and that you committed the act in which you are charged. A plea of guilty may be used against you later in a civil suit if there was an accident involved.

You may enter a **Plea of Nolo Contendere** (no contest)—a plea of no contest means that you do not contest the charges against you. You will almost certainly be found guilty unless you are eligible for DSC or deferred disposition. A plea of no contest cannot be used against you in a civil suit.

You may enter a **Plea of Not Guilty** – a plea of not guilty means that you deny guilt and that the State must prove the charges filed against you. If you plead not guilty you must decide whether you want a trial by Judge or a trial by jury.

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## DRIVING SAFETY COURSE

If you are charged with a traffic violation you may request to take a driving safety course to dismiss the charge. The case will be postponed for 90 days to allow you time to complete the course. If you were operating a motorcycle you must take a motorcycle operating course. Please note that your request must be in writing and before you can be approved you must:

- present proof of insurance
- present a valid Texas dl (must not have a commercial driver license)
- plead guilty or no contest
- pay court cost and administrative fee of \$111.00

You are only eligible to take this class if:

- you have not taken the class within the last 12 months
- you are not currently in the process of taking class for another traffic violation
- you do not have a commercial driver's License
- you were not speeding 25 mph or more over speed limit

## DEFERRED DISPOSITION

You may be eligible to have your case dismissed by being placed on deferred disposition. **Deferred disposition is granted at the discretion of the Judge.** If you have or had a commercial drivers license at the time of your citation, regardless of the vehicle type you were driving, then you are not eligible for deferred disposition. If you are under the age of 25 you will be required to take a defensive driving course as part of your probation.

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## JUVENILES

All juveniles must appear in court with a parent or guardian. Failure to appear in court may result in 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 who will suspend or deny issuance of a driver's license.

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## WARRANTS

Failure to appear for your assigned court date will result in an additional charge, and a warrant will be issued for your arrest. You may be denied renewal of your driver license. You may be required to pay to pay an additional thirty percent of all charges if you fail to pay your warrant and your case is sent to our collection agency for collections.

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