

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL TRAFFIC PLEA FORM**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: 25 \_\_\_\_\_

Citation No: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Florida Statute 318.14(4), you have thirty (30) calendar days from the date you receive your citation to select one of the following options:

\*Please note: If your ticket calls for a **MANDATORY HEARING**, you or your attorney **MUST appear at the scheduled hearing**, and **you may not use this form**.

***Carefully read this form before selecting your option. (Please check one)***

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: Plea **“Not Guilty”** and attend a hearing before the Court. At your first hearing, you may maintain your plea of “Not Guilty” and set a trial date before the County Judge in the immediate future. If you are found guilty of the traffic violation, you may be assessed points and a fine up to \$1000.00. Choosing this option **waives your right** to attend Basic Driver Improvement and pay the statutory fine. **Failure to appear in Court after choosing Option 1 will result in a disposition of guilt, additional fees, points, and possible Driver’s License suspension.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: Plea **“Guilty”** and pay the statutory fine without attending a hearing. This leaves **the assessment of points up to the Court**. The **Court may or may not assess points** against your license when you choose this option. The Court’s decision to assess points will be based on factors such as your driving history, location of the offense, time of the offense, and any written documentation you provide to the Court.

**Election of Driver Improvement School is the only guaranteed way to prevent the assessment of points.**

Return by mail or in person: Hardee County Clerk of Court, 417 W. Main St., Suite 202, Wauchula, FL 33873  
Email to: hardeetraffic@hardeeclerk.com  
Court Address: Hardee County Courthouse, 417 W. Main St., Third Floor, Wauchula, FL 33873

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**HEARINGS ARE NOT RECORDED; YOU MAY PROVIDE YOU OWN RECORDING DEVICE. NO INTERPRETER PROVIDED, YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN.**

**Court Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

A true and correct copy of this notice was hand delivered/mailed/emailed to the above-named on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Victoria L. Rogers, Clerk of Court

by \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator (863/534-4690) within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call TDD (863-534-7777) or Florida Relay Service (800-955-8770).