

# Election of Court Hearing for Civil Citation and Entry of Written Plea

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Citation Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Citation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive any other citations when the above citation was issued? ( \_\_ Yes ) ( \_\_ No )

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I hereby elect a court hearing regarding the above-listed civil citation and enter my plea as follows:

- I admit that I committed the violation but want an opportunity to speak with the judge about my sentence, and therefore plead guilty/no contest and request a sentencing hearing. (A sentencing hearing addresses only what the penalty for committing the violation should be, and whether you should receive a withhold of adjudication. The officer who issued your citation **will not** be present).
- I deny that I committed the violation, and therefore plead not guilty and request an evidentiary hearing. (An evidentiary hearing addresses whether you committed the violation. The officer who issued the citation **will** be present).

I understand that the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$500 if I am found to have committed a traffic violation other than unlawful speed in a school or construction zone. For unlawful speed in a school or construction zone, the court may impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. I further understand that the court may assess statutory court costs and, if I request an evidentiary hearing but decide at that hearing to enter a guilty/no contest plea, the court may assess additional court costs to cover expenses such as the cost of unnecessarily requiring the attendance of witnesses.

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- I authorize and direct the court and or clerk of court to transmit notices, orders, judgments, or other written communications to me in the above case(s) under the Florida Rules of Court, or Florida Statutes by e-mail (electronic transmission). I understand this e-mail delivery will replace any other delivery method including the US Mail. I understand it is my responsibility to provide to the court at the time of this election an e-mail address and to notify the court through the clerk of court promptly and in writing of any changes to this e-mail address. I further understand that e-mail filter software may interfere with the receipt of e-mail from the court or clerk of court and I verify that any such software on my computer or network will not filter out messages sent from the Court ( [@circuit8.org](mailto:@circuit8.org) ) or Gilchrist County Clerk of the Circuit Court ( [@gilchrist.fl.us](mailto:@gilchrist.fl.us) ).
  - I do not have an e-mail address for the court and or clerk of court to transmit notices, orders, judgment, or other written communications to me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You must make this election and file it with the Clerk of Court within 30 days after issuance of your citation. You may also make the election by visiting the Clerk's Office. Contact information for the Clerk is below. The Clerk will notify you of your hearing date and time. If you receive this form in the mail along with a sentencing hearing notice, and you wish to request an evidentiary hearing instead, you must return this form to the Clerk's Office within 10 days from the date that the notice was signed. Otherwise, you will remain on the sentencing hearing docket.*

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