

GEAUGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT – CHARDON OHIO

PLEASE READ & SIGN  
BRING WITH YOU TO HEARING

Acknowledgement of Rights and Consequences – Juvenile Traffic Cases

TO CHILD AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

Please read this form carefully. If you have any questions, the appropriate Court staff, including the Judge or Magistrate, will answer them for you. When you are satisfied that you understand these rights, please sign the form below.

I understand that I have the following rights:

- 1.) To be represented by an attorney in all proceedings, and to have a public defender appointed to represent me at public expense if my income does not exceed established guidelines;
- 2.) To obtain an attorney at any stage of the proceedings, and to have granted a reasonable continuance to secure an attorney; and, I understand that if I fail to secure counsel in a timely manner and thereby cause unnecessary delay of the proceedings, the Court may proceed without the attorney present;
- 3.) To have a trial, to remain silent, to offer evidence, and to require attendance of witnesses on my behalf and to cross-examine witnesses who testify against me.

If my case is scheduled to be heard by a MAGISTRATE, I understand that I have the right to file written objections to the Magistrate’s decision within fourteen (14) days of the filing of the decision. If any party timely files objections, any other party may file objections not later than 10 days after the first objections are filed. I further understand that the Magistrate may make certain pretrial orders without judicial approval.

I may ADMIT or DENY the complaint against me. In their discretion, the Judge or Magistrate may accept a NO CONTEST plea.

If I ADMIT the allegations of the complaint or plea NO CONTEST, I understand that I give up the following rights:

- 1.) To have my case tried to a judge or magistrate,
- 2.) To remain silent,
- 3.) To offer evidence, and
- 4.) To cross-examine any witnesses who testify against me.

If I DENY the allegations of the complaint, I understand that another hearing will be scheduled at which time witnesses will testify and evidence will be presented to the Court.

If I ADMIT the allegations in the complaint or plea NO CONTEST, or if having been denied, the allegations are proven beyond a reasonable doubt, this may result in a Court order **suspending or revoking driving privileges, probation, Traffic School, restitution, fines and Court costs**. Also, **if said offenses involve the use of drugs and/or alcohol, suspend driving privileges and/or require attendance at an alcohol intervention program**, or any other order the Court believes to be in my best interest.

If I ADMIT or plea NO CONTEST to my traffic offense and the offense is a second or third moving violation, then I may receive sanctions from the BMV, in addition to the Court’s Orders. If the offense is for a DUI or BAC offense, then I will receive mandatory sanctions from the BMV, in addition to the Court’s Orders.

I have received a copy of the complaint and I understand the allegations being made against me. I understand the purpose and possible outcomes of the hearings. I acknowledge that if I fail to appear fro any scheduled Court hearing(s), I may be found in contempt of court and/or a warrant may be issued for my arrest, and if I am unable to appear for a Court hearing, I must file with the Court a **written request for a continuance**. I understand that as the Parent, Guardian or Custodian of the child, at least one parent must bring the juvenile to the hearing and attend all Court proceedings regarding the juvenile.

I understand the rights contained in this form.

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CHILD

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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DATE

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CASE NO.

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN