

IN THE BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL COURT, BELLEVUE, OHIO

DEFENDANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO ALL ACCUSED OF A CRIMINAL OR TRAFFIC OFFENSE:**

**IF YOU ARE CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:**

- 1) You or your counsel (that is, your lawyer) have the right to read the complaint or a copy of the complaint.
- 2) You have the right to be informed of the nature of the charge against you and to have the charge explained to you if you do not understand the nature of the charge.
- 3) You have the right to a lawyer, and to have reasonable continuance granted to you in these proceedings in order to obtain a lawyer, even though you may wish to plead guilty or no contest.
- 4) Under rule 11 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure you have the right to have a lawyer assigned without cost to yourself if you are not able to employ counsel.
- 5) You need make no statement, and any statement made may be used against you.
- 6) If you are charged with an offense that carries a possible jail sentence, you are entitled to a jury trial but there is necessary to make a written demand for it in petty offense cases. This written demand must be filed with the Clerk of the Court not less than 10 days before the trial date, or on or before the third day following receipt of notice of the date of trial, whichever is later. There is no right to a jury in minor misdemeanor cases.
- 7) You have the right to have the court fix a reasonable bail or bond in your case.
- 8) Those of you who are charged with certain traffic offenses should be advised that a record of the convictions must be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor vehicles where it will become part of your driving record.
- 9) If he/she is currently charged with a Theft Offense, a drug offense, or a domestic violence offense, that any subsequent charge could result in this offense being used to enhance a penalty, making it a felony.
- 10) House Bill 562 if convicted of misdemeanor offense of violence may be subject to firearm restrictions Pursuant to O.R.C. 2947.23(A)(1)(a)(i) you are hereby notified that failure to pay court costs may result in imposition of community service.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PLEAS WHICH MAY BE ENTERED**

- 1) The plea of **GUILTY** is a complete admission of your guilt. Your case would then be heard today.
- 2) The plea of **NO CONTEST** is not an admission of your guilt, but is an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint. The plea of no contest shall not be used against you in any later civil or criminal proceeding. Your case would be heard today.
- 3) The plea of **NOT GUILTY** is a **DENIAL** of the charge and puts in issue all the essential elements of the offense. Your case would be set for trial at a later date.
- 4) The plea **NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY** Must be in writing.

**NOTICE TO THOSE CHARGED WITH A FELONY:** If you are charged with a felony, you have the right to a preliminary hearing in this court, and you need not enter any plea, either at the initial appearance or at the preliminary hearing.

\*\* If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are hereby advised that conviction of the offense to which you are pleading, may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BEING ADVISED OF RIGHTS AND UNDERSTANDING THE PLEAS:**

- 1) I hereby acknowledge that I have been advised of my rights as stated above and that I understand those rights. I further acknowledge that I have had the pleas explained to me, as stated above, and that I understand them.

Defendant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) **I also understand if my fines and cost are not paid today, or within 30 days from this date, my operators license will be suspended or a warrant block will be put on me until time it is paid and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be notified as such (criminal & traffic cases). Also, after 1 year unpaid cases will be collected by Capital Recovery Systems Inc. NO FURTHER NOTICES WILL BE SENT.**

Defendant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF AN ATTORNEY:** Being fully advised of my right to counsel (a lawyer) as stated above and to have a lawyer assigned to me without cost if I cannot afford one (other than in minor misdemeanor cases), I do hereby **voluntarily and freely state that I DO NOT WISH A LAWYER IN THIS CASE...**

Defendant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_