
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPEAR FOR THE CITATION

- The appearance date can be found on your citation. The Court gives you a (10) ten-day grace period (Calendar days) to appear or pay. It is the final date that is considered "on time".
- You may appear at any time during regular business hours Monday- Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm if you should have any questions or want to pay your citation. You may also call the office at (956)425-7131.
- Any request pertaining to your citation must be done with the Honorable Judge Ruben Ochoa during Court hours Monday or Thursday at 5:00pm (to appear at 4:30pm)
- Failure to appear on or before the court date will result in a warrant to be issued for your arrest and additional fees to be applied for failure to appear.
- A **TELEPHONE CALL** is not considered an appearance.

Who We Are

About Us

The Municipal Court is the judicial branch of the Town of Combes' government. Dedicated to overseeing justice in a fair, timely and efficient manner, the court also coordinates the town's accounting and budgetary functions.

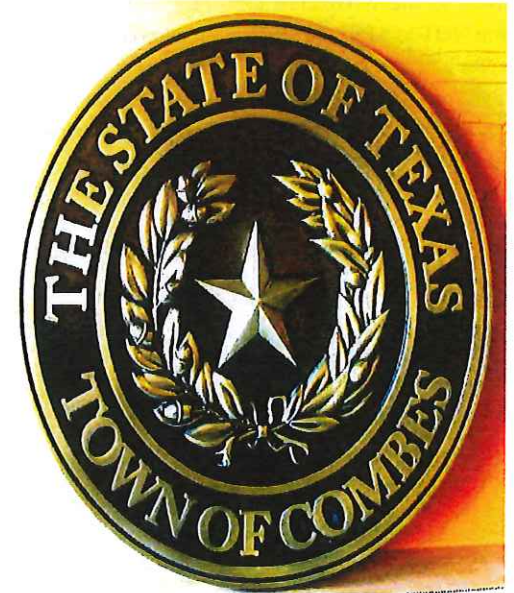
Contact Us:

Phone: (956) 425-7131

Email: jduarte@townofcombes.com

The Consequences of Failure to respond on or before appearance date on the front of your citation will result:

- A Failure to Appear (FTA) charge plus additional fees will apply and a warrant being issued
- Request to the Texas Department of Public Safety for the denial of driver's license renewal
- Request to Scofflaw for the denial of vehicle registration renewal



Town of Combes Municipal Court

*Honorable Judge Ruben Ochoa
Municipal Court Clerk/ Administrator
Jo Ann Duarte*



**Town of Combes Municipal
Court**
21626 Hand Rd.
Combes, TX 78535

Do NOT let the INABILITY to pay the citation be a reason NOT to APPEAR. Four options to choose from for handling your citation. If you desire to resolve your citation without appearing before the Judge, you must enter a plea of Guilty or No Contest and pay your assessed fines on or before the appearance date.

OPTION 1: PLEAD NO CONTEST OR GUILTY & PAY

- **APPEAR IN PERSON** – Come by the Town of Combes Municipal Court during business hours (Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm) Location: 21626 Hand Rd Combes, TX 78535
- **APPEAR BY MAIL**- You may submit your payment & plea.
 1. To confirm amount to be paid and request plea form to be sent via email or fax, call the office at (956)425-7131.
 2. Send check or money order for full payment made payable to: "Town of Combes Municipal Court"

Mail to: Town of Combes
Municipal Court
P.O. Box 280, Combes TX 78535
 3. Pay over the Phone with Debit or Credit Card (Convenience fee of \$3 for every \$100 will apply)
- **PAYMENT PLAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST DURING COURT HOURS** (for eligibility application must be filled out and submitted to clerk prior to court appearance)

Visit the Website:
www.townofcombes.com

OPTION 2: REQUEST DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

- **APPEAR IN PERSON DURING COURT HOURS** (Monday or Thursday only @ 5:00pm)
- A request for this option must be done on or before the appearance date. A Driving Safety Course will not be granted after the due date. You must be eligible and meet all requirements:
 1. Must be at least 17 years of age
 2. Do not possess a Commercial Driver's License
 3. Must have a current driver's license and insurance
 4. Must not have been charged with speeding in excess of 24 mph over the speed limit and violation was not conducted in a construction zone
 5. Must not have taken a Driving Safety Course within the last 12 months to dispose of a citation.

OPTION 3: REQUEST DEFERRED DISPOSITION (30-60 day probationary period, pay full fine)

- Must have current liability insurance
- Must have valid Driver's License
- Must be at least 17 years of age
- Do not possess a CDL license at time of offense
- Must not have received any citation for a moving violation during the past 6 months within the State of Texas
- Must not be participating in a Deferred Disposition in another court
- Must not have been charged with speeding in excess of 24 mph over the speed limit nor occurred in a construction zone

OPTION 4: PLEAD NOT GUILTY & REQUEST A PRE-TRIAL

- To contest a citation and plead not guilty, you must appear in court before the Honorable Judge on or before your appearance date. An attorney may be retained whom should submit a letter of representation to the Court on or before the appearance date. Court hearings are not scheduled by phone.
- If a Court date is set, options are no longer valid unless authorized by the Honorable Judge