

Pleadings in Criminal Actions

Texas State Law states that a Defendant charged with a misdemeanor for which the maximum possible punishment is by fine only may mail or deliver in person to the Court a plea of "Not Guilty", "Guilty", or "Nolo Contendere" in lieu of making said plea in Open Court. Additionally, a defendant who is confined in a penal institution may enter a written plea by U.S. mail, secure electronic or facsimile transmission. You have the right to counsel. This Court does not normally appoint attorneys in fine only offenses.

Therefore, if you wish to enter a plea of "Not Guilty", please indicate your plea and type of trial desired. You will be contacted by letter regarding a Court setting.

You may pay the fine without a Court appearance by entering a plea of "Guilty" or "Nolo Contendere" on the form below and submit this form and payment to the Court prior to your appearance date. Should you fail to submit this form and the fine, your appearance will be required. Payment of the fine will not be accepted unless this form accompanies the payment.

PLEA FORM

STATE OF TEXAS)(IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.)(CITY OF KERRVILLE

)(KERR COUNTY TEXAS

DOCKET NO.

CHARGE:

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

PURSUANT to Article 27.14 CCP and 27.19, I wish to enter the following plea regarding the above name offense:

___ NOT GUILTY—Trial before the Court; I wish to waive my right to a Jury Trial.

___ NOT GUILTY—Trial by Jury.

___ NOLO CONTENDERE—I waive my right to a Jury Trial and Court appearance. I understand that the Court shall dispose of this case without requiring my appearance in Court. I, further, waive my right to appear in open court for the purpose of entering my plea.

___ GUILTY—I waive my right to a Jury Trial and Court appearance. I understand that the Court shall dispose of this case without requiring my appearance in Court. I, further, waive my right to appear in open court for the purpose of entering my plea.

By typing your name in the box below, you are acknowledging the above selected plea in place of your handwritten signature.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____