

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CASE \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF YOUR RIGHTS IN REGARDS TO THE TRAFFIC VIOLATION YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH:**

- 1) You have the right to be represented by an Attorney.
- 2) You have the right to remain silent. It is important to remember that any statements you make can be used against you at trial.
- 3) You have the right to a trial before the Court or Magistrate (Juveniles do not have the right to a jury trial in Ohio).
- 4) At trial you have the right to testify but cannot be forced to testify against yourself.
- 5) At trial you have the right to confront your accusers and cross-examine them.
- 6) At trial you have the right to present witnesses of your own. A subpoena, which is a court order requiring a person to appear, can be issued to help you bring your witnesses to court.
- 7) At trial the prosecutor must prove beyond a reasonable doubt every element of the traffic violation of which you have been charged.
- 8) If you disagree with the Magistrate's decision following a disposition or trial, you may file an objection to the Judge.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE FOUND TO BE A JUVENILE TRAFFIC OFFENDER, THIS FINDING WILL BE REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

In Ohio, the law provides for a restriction or sanction to be placed by the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES on the probationary license of a juvenile driver who is 16 years old, and who is found to be a juvenile traffic offender for committing a moving violation within 6 months of receipt of their probationary license. The restriction/sanction states that a juvenile who is subject to this law must be accompanied by a parent/guardian whenever operating a motor vehicle. This restriction/sanction is for a period of 6 months OR until the juvenile turns 17 years old – whichever is earlier.

Also pursuant to Ohio law, a juvenile found to be a traffic offender as the result of a 2<sup>nd</sup> moving violation will be subject by the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES to a mandatory 90 day license suspension.

A juvenile found to be a traffic offender as the result of a 3<sup>rd</sup> moving violation will be subject by the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES to a mandatory 1 year license suspension.

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ANY JUVENILE SUBJECT TO A MANDATORY LICENSE SUSPENSION MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES. Limited Driving Privileges are discretionary and will not granted automatically or in all cases. A Petition for Limited Driving Privileges can be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

**YOU CAN ENTER THE FOLLOWING PLEAS:**

- 1) ADMIT – This means that you acknowledge committing the traffic violation.
- 2) NO CONTEST – This means that you do not contest the charge, but you do not want your plea to be used against you in any civil case that may be filed.
- 3) DENY – This means that you want to contest your alleged traffic violation. Your case will be set for pre-trial at a later date.

**I UNDERSTAND MY RIGHTS AND CONSENT TO HAVE A MAGISTRATE HEAR MY CASE.**

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**JUVENILE**

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN**

**NOTICE TO JUVENILES WHO MAY RECEIVE A LICENSE SUSPENSION**

When your license suspension is completed or terminated, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES to make sure that your suspension has been cleared or closed and that your license is valid before you begin driving. Even if the Juvenile Court returns your physical license to you at the completion of your suspension period, you should still contact the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES to make sure other requirements do not exist in order to reinstate your license.

The BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES has certain requirements that must be met before your suspension can be cleared or closed, regardless of whether you have completed all Juvenile Court orders. You may be required by the BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES to complete a juvenile driver improvement program, obtain a temporary permit, retake the driver's license exam, pay fees, obtain more insurance or complete other requirements.

**DO NOT TAKE THE CHANCE OF DRIVING ON AN INVALID LICENSE.  
YOU CAN CONTACT THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT (614) 752-7600.**