PLEA FORM: BY MAIL OR DELIVERY TO COURT (Arts. 27.14(b) and 27.16(b), C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS	**§**	**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT**
VS.	**§**	**CITY OF MERKEL**
_____	**§**	**TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS**

☐ **Plea of Not Guilty**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I **plead not guilty**.

Initial One:

_____I want a jury trial.

_____I waive my right to a jury trial and request a trial before the Court.

I promise to appear, in person, in the Merkel Municipal Court on any date for which this case is scheduled before this Court. I understand that if I do not appear anytime I am required to appear for this case, a Failure to Appear charge may be filed and warrants may be issued for my arrest.

☐ **Plea of Nolo Contendere**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial and that my signature on this **plea of nolo contendere** (meaning "no contest") will have the same force and effect as a plea of guilty on the judgment of the Court. I do hereby **plead nolo contendere** to said offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

☐ **Plea of Guilty**

I, the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the complaint of the offense, to wit: _____, charged in Municipal Court Cause Number _____. I understand that I have a right to a jury trial. I do hereby **plead guilty** to the offense as charged, **waive** my right to a jury trial or hearing by the Court, and **agree to pay** the fine and costs the judge assesses. I understand that my plea may result in a conviction appearing on either a criminal record or a driver's license record.

☐ I, the undersigned, do hereby request the amount of fine assessed and the amount of appeal bond that the Court will approve.

_____ _____

Defendant's Signature Date Home Telephone Number

_____ _____

Address Work Telephone Number

. . . . . .

Plea accepted on this _____ day of _____, 20___.

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Judge, Municipal Court

City of Merkel