

# CITY OF LA FERIA MUNICIPAL COURT 115 E. COMMERCIAL AVE., LA FERIA, TEXAS 78559 PHONE: 956-797-2261 / FAX: 956-797-0056

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You were detained/cited by the La Feria Police Department or Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission and charged with an ALCOHOL related offense. You were found Guilty to that charge and the Judge has ordered you to attend an ALCOHOL Awareness course within 90 days. Certificate must be in our office by due date.

Enclosed/Attached you will find the form you must provide to the agency you choose to attend. When you have completed the course, you are to submit the ORIGINAL Certificate of Completion.

This form must be mailed back to this office within 90 days. You will ALSO receive an ORIGINAL Certificate of Completion from the instructor/agency. This ORIGINAL certificate must be submitted to our office within the 90 days to close your case. NO EXTENTIONS WILL BE GRANTED. Submit any and all information to this court with a picture identification to eliminate delays.

Read this form carefully. Failure to complete the course will cause your license to be suspended or you will not be able to obtain one. An additional charge is also filed with a WARRANT OF ARREST.

For local listings of these ALCOHOL Awareness course contact your local Municipal Court or check Yellow Pages or Google "Alcohol Awareness course for ticket dismissal Certified in Texas". Course may be listed under Defensive Driving, but DO NOT confuse with Defensive Driving or Alcoholics Anonymous. Do not attend an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for this violation, it should be a course involving underage drinking or minor in possession of Alcohol.

Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco course may also be LOCATED and TAKEN online: <u>http:///www.dshs.state.tx.us/offendered/oe\_rosters.shtm</u> or <u>WWW.dadaponline.com</u> or contact 1-800-832-9626 ext. 2900. OUT OF STATE: <u>http://www.flhsmv.gov/dui/</u>

Visit your local Public Library, Police Department or Municipal Court for info.

# ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LAWS: ZERO TOLERANCE IN TEXAS

First Offense: Class C Misdemeanor: up to \$500 fine, Attend ALCOHOL Awareness course, 8-12 hours of community service, 30 days driver's license suspension/denial.

Second Offense: Class C Misdemeanor; up to \$500 fine, Possible ALCOHOL Awareness course, 20-40 hours community service, 60 days driver's license suspension/denial.

Third Offense (17 or Older): Class B Misdemeanor, \$500-\$2000 fine and or Confinement in jail up to 180 days; Possible ALCOHOL Awareness course; 180days driver's license suspension/denial.

#### INFORMATION ON THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS COURSE

#### CITATION #

#### YOUR COURSE DUE DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

## STATE OF TEXAS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT VS CITY OF LA FERIA CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

NAME & DOB: ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP PHONE: EMAIL:

This is to introduce the above stated defendant who is to complete a MANDATORY ALCOHOL Awareness course with your agency. When the above stated defendant has completed the 6-8 hour course, please fill out the bottom portion of this sheet and send it with the ORIGINAL ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MINORS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION issued from your office and mail to:

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If the defendant fails to complete the Alcohol Awareness course, the court will be required to notify the Department of Public Safety to SUSPEND the defendant's driver's license for up to 6 months. The defendant will have 90 days to complete the Alcohol Awareness course and submit ORIGINAL certificate to our office. NO extensions will be granted.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions or concerns contact us at Municipal Court (956) 797-2261

Judge William L. Pope

Disposition Date Due

Date

# BELOW IS THE CRITERIA NEEDED FOR ESSAY TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO 90 DAYS IN LIEU OF ALCOHOL RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE. DEADLINE IS STATED ABOVE.

\* Must write a ONE page, double spaced essay about "How Misuse of Alcohol affects Minors/Children" or "The Prevention of Misuse of Alcohol"

\* Font Size: 12 \* Font Type: Times New Roman

- \* Essay MUST be submitted to email: cvasquez@cityoflaferia.com
- \* Essay MUST be submitted prior to the 90 day deadline stated above.