

DEFERRED DISPOSITION

Deferred Probation or Deferred Adjudication)

Deferred Disposition is a method to have your citation **dismissed** upon the successful completion of a probationary period—usually 90 days (traffic offenses) but sometimes as long as 180 days (for FMFR and Class C misdemeanors) depending upon the type of case.

Even though you plea “guilty” or “no contest”, the court does not “find you guilty”. Instead, the court defers further proceedings and places you on probation for a period of time with conditions of probation.

The primary requirement of a deferred disposition is that you do not receive another citation while on probation; however, the court may impose additional requirements including but not limited to community service, tobacco or alcohol awareness

What happens once my period of probation is over with?

If the court has all information before it to prove that you have successfully complied with all of the terms of the Order of Deferred Disposition, the court dismisses the citation.

If the Court has reason to believe that you have failed to comply with the Order of Deferred Disposition, you will have to appear before the Judge to explain (show-cause) why the offense should not be entered as a conviction.

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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DEFERRED DISPOSITION

1. You must make the request for such either in writing or by appearing in person at the Municipal Court by court appearance date given on citation.
2. You must enter a plea of “guilty” or “no contest”.
3. You must pay the fine in full plus deferred fee administered by the court. You must contact court for the full amount.

You are not Eligible for Deferred Disposition if:

1. If you have a commercial driver’s license
2. Regardless of your type of license, you are accused of speeding 25 miles per hour or more than the posted limit.

Deferred Disposition Instructions:

1. Request must be in writing received on or before court appearance given on citation.
2. Plea Form
3. Court cost contact court for amount. Mail money order.
4. Provide return address and phone number.

By Mail:

Gilmer Municipal Court
110 Buffalo
Gilmer, Texas 75644