#### **Deferred Disposition**

For all citations, you must appear in person or by E-mail no later than the "Appear Date" printed on your citation. Phone calls DO NOT constitute an appearance.

Note: Do not pay online for deferred disposition before obtaining court approval. All payments are final. Paying online prior to court approval will result in a guilty conviction.

## What is Deferred Disposition:

Deferred Disposition is a form of probation, which allows for the dismissal of a charge if certain criteria(s) are met. The probationary period is 90 days and begins when the fees are paid. Eligible citations are: moving violations (speeding, stop sign, etc., driving while license invalid, no insurance, driver's license violations).

## When can you request Deferred Disposition without attending court:

Any time prior to the "Appear Date" on your citation and any time prior to your court appearance.

## Who is eligible for Deferred Disposition:

To qualify for deferred disposition, you cannot currently be on a deferred disposition program at this court. If you received a moving violation, you must meet the following requirements:

- You do not possess a commercial driver's license (CDL);
- o You were not charged with speeding 25 miles or more over the speed limit;
- You were not charged with passing a school bus;
- You were not charged with an offense involving an accident which resulted in bodily injury;
- You have not participated in any deferred disposition program during the past one year
  (calculated from date of previous dismissal to the date of your current citation) in this court.
- Your violation was not in a construction / work zone with workers present.

#### **Requirements for Deferred Disposition:**

- (a) During the deferral period, you cannot commit another criminal violation in the Town of Cross Roads, Texas;
- (b) The amount of the deferral is the amount of the citation. If approved, the due date will be on the deferral paperwork;
- (c) If you were under the age of 25 at the time you received a MOVING violation, you are REQUIRED to take a state-approved Driver Safety Course and submit a certificate of completion no later than the end of your deferral period (90 days). This course is a 6 hour course which most people choose to complete online.

#### What Happens when I complete Deferred Disposition:

If you successfully complete the requirements of the Deferred Disposition, your case will be dismissed by the Court. This means your case will not be a conviction for purposes of your driving record.

### **How do I request Deferred Disposition:**

# You may submit your request for Deferred one of two ways:

**In- Person-** You may appear at the Court window between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. M-F (except holidays) and speak with the clerk. You will need to bring your valid driver's license or other government-issued photo ID. We accept cash, money order or cashier's check (we do NOT accept personal checks) made out to Cross Roads Municipal Court. We also accept credit and debit cards but there will be a processing fee added to your total.

**By Email:** You **MUST** fill out the Deferred Disposition form and email it to <u>court@crossroadstx.gov</u> along with your driver's license or other government-issued photo ID. The court will review your request and respond accordingly.

The deferral period will not begin until the deferred paperwork has been processed.

Please call the court for the deferred fee on your violation.

- Do not pay until you receive confirmation from the Cross Roads court and order has been approved. (request done by email)
- Required fees (request done by mail)
- The Deferred Disposition Form (found online)