

WILLOUGHBY MUNICIPAL COURT  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO  
CITY OF

PLAINTIFF

vs.

DEFENDANT

CASE NO.

JUDGE: MARISA L. CORNACHIO

**GUILTY PLEA IN ABSENTIA ON  
A MINOR MISDEMEANOR  
CHARGE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Defendant, hereby representing himself/herself, desires to enter his/her guilty plea in absentia pursuant to Traffic Rule 12 to the following traffic charge:

Original charge(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of amended charge(s) Ordinance No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that a guilty plea is a complete admission of my guilt. I also understand that by entering this guilty plea, I am giving up the follow rights:

- My right to confront my accuser and cross-examine witnesses;
- My right to present my own evidence and to compel witnesses to testify on my behalf;
- My right to testify or to remain silent or to make a statement at the time of sentencing;
- My right to appeal the decision in this case;
- The requirement that the state prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, at a public trial, on each and every element of the charges against me.

I understand that this charge is a Minor Misdemeanor and that I will pay a fine of \$\_\_\_\_\_ plus court costs, and the total payment is due within no more than two (2) days after the guilty plea is accepted by the Judge.

I hereby voluntarily waive and relinquish my right to a bench trial. I understand by entering a guilty plea, I am giving up this right to a bench trial.

I am a United States citizen.

\_\_\_\_\_, Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_, Date

**Consent to Plea in Absentia**

The City of \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecutor consents to proceed with the change of plea and sentencing of this represented defendant in absentia.

\_\_\_\_\_, Prosecutor

\_\_\_\_\_, Date

**Court's acceptance of Plea in Absentia**

The Court hereby accepts defendant's plea of guilty in absentia to the above-referenced charge. Defendant is fined \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus court costs to be paid within two (2) days.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE MARISA L. CORNACHIO

\_\_\_\_\_, Date