

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO

CITY OF _____

PLAINTIFF,

V.

DEFENDANT.

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CASE NO. _____

JUDGE _____

COUNSEL'S AUTHORITY TO PRESENT GUILTY PLEA IN ABSENTIA
(TRAFFIC CASES ONLY)

I, _____ hereby authorize _____
(Defendant) (Attorney)
to represent me in entering this guilty plea in absentia pursuant to Traffic Rule 12 to the following traffic charge:

Name of charge

Ordinance No. /ORC Section

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 following 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 (_____ degree/ unclassified) misdemeanor and that the judge may sentence me to a maximum of _____ days in jail and a maximum fine of _____ and a maximum of _____ hours of community service and driver's rights suspension of up to _____ and that any vehicle I may have been driving is subject to immobilization for up to _____ days and that if I am on probation, parole or post-conviction community control, this conviction may affect such probation, parole or post-conviction community control including imposition of jail time.

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I understand that if I am charged with a jailable offense, I have a constitutional right to a trial by a jury that is composed of 8 members of the community and that I would be able to participate in the selection of the jurors. I understand that all jurors would have to agree on the verdict. I understand that if I have a trial before a judge, the judge alone will decide my guilt or innocence. I hereby voluntarily waive and relinquish my right to a trial by jury. I understand by entering a guilty plea, I am giving up this right to trial.

I am a United States citizen.

Defendant's signature

Date

Signature of Defendant's Attorney

Attorney Reg. No.

Name of Defendant's Attorney

Phone Number

Consent to Plea in Absentia

The State/City of Columbus/_____, represented by _____
Assistant City Attorney, consents to proceed with the arraignment, the plea and sentencing of this represented defendant in absentia.

Assistant City Attorney

Date

Court's Acceptance of Plea in Absentia

The Court hereby accepts defendant's plea of guilty in absentia to the above referenced charge.

JUDGE / MAGISTRATE

DATE