

**IN THE LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT  
LIMA, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO**

<b>STATE OF OHIO / CITY OF LIMA</b>	)	CASE NO. _____
<b>PLAINTIFF</b>		
-VS-	)	
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<b>DEFENDANT</b>	)	<b>WRITTEN PLEA OF NOT GUILTY</b>

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Now comes the Defendant and hereby enters a Written Plea of Not Guilty to the above charge(s).

1. I understand the nature of the charge(s) against me and the identity of the complainant.
2. I have read the complaint and have been given a copy thereof, I waive its reading in open Court.
3. I understand I have a right to a lawyer to represent me or a reasonable continuance in order to secure a lawyer representation. You must obtain your own lawyer unless you qualify for representation by the public defender's office under their financial guidelines in cases where a jail sentence probably will be imposed. If you so qualify, one of their attorneys will represent you for no more than a \$25.00 public defender fee which the court may waive if it deems appropriate. You must have an attorney unless you knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive your right to an attorney in writing.
4. I understand I have a right to a trial by jury, if the offense carries a fine of more than \$1000.00 or if imprisonment is part of the penalty. Requests for a jury trial must be in writing in misdemeanor cases, unless the charge may result in punishment of up to one year incarceration.
5. I understand the meaning of the following pleas:

**Guilty** means you admit the violation as charged in the complaint and waive your constitutional rights contrary thereto. The court will inquire into the facts of the charge, give you an opportunity to make a statement and then pronounce sentence.

**Not guilty** means that you deny committing the violation as charged in the complaint. The case will be assigned for trial at a later date, and you will have a right to bail which you will be required to post for appearance at the trial.

**No contest** does not admit guilt, but does admit the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint. Such plea or admission shall not be used against you in any later civil or criminal proceedings. No contest means you are not contesting or disputing the explanation in the officer's report from which the court will make a finding of guilty or not guilty.

**I understand this Written Plea of Not Guilty will not be accepted and filed without prior approval of the Court and signature on Bond.**

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Defendant