

IN THE WASHINGTON C.H. MUNICIPAL COURT
119 N. Main Street, Washington C.H., OH 43160

STATE OF OHIO / CITY OF WASHINGTON C.H.
VILLAGE OF _____

Plaintiff

v.

CASE NO. _____

COUNSEL'S AUTHORITY TO
PRESENT PLEA IN ABSENTIA
OHIO TRAF. R. 12

Defendant

I, _____, hereby authorize the undersigned defense attorney of record in the above-styled matter to represent me in entering this GUILTY plea in absentia pursuant to the following traffic charge(s):

_____ Guilty as charged to: _____

_____ Guilty to an amended charge as follows: _____

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:

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

I understand the nature of the offense as charged, or as amended, and the 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 \$_____ plus court costs, and a maximum of ____ hours of community service work and/or license suspension up to ____mos./yrs. Any vehicle I may have been driving may be subject to immobilization and/or plate impoundment and that if I am on probation, parole or post-conviction community control, sentencing may include imposition of jail time.

I understand that if I am charged with a jailable offense, I have a constitutional right to a trial by jury that is composed of eight 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 a jury trial.

I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE RIGHTS DETAILED ABOVE, BUT I GIVE THEM UP AND WITHDRAW MY FORMER PLEA OF NOT GUILTY AND ENTER MY PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE CHARGES. MY PLEA IS MADE VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY PROMISES MADE TO INDUCE MY PLEA, AND IS MADE INTELLIGENTLY AND KNOWINGLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE COURT ACCEPTS MY PLEA, JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE MAY BE IMPOSED. I AM A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PLEA AGREEMENT IN ABSENTIA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE JUDGE AND FILED UNTIL THE TOTAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COURT FOR PAYMENT OF ANY AGREED FINES AND COURT COSTS IN THIS MATTER.

Defendant

Date

Defense Counsel Registration No.

Date