

IN THE _____ MUNICIPAL COURT

_____, OHIO

State of Ohio/_____	:	Case No. _____
Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	Charge _____
_____	:	
Defendant.	:	JUDGE _____

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UPON PLEA OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST

I acknowledge being advised of and fully understand my rights as follows:

1. I have been informed of the nature of the charge(s) pending against me and the identity of the complainant. I acknowledge that I have been served with a copy of the complaint(s).
2. I have the right to bail if the offense with which I am charged is bailable. Crim. R. 10(C)(3).
3. I have been informed that I need make no statement at any point in the proceeding and that any statement I do make can and may be used against me. Crim. R. 10(C)(4).
4. I understand that a plea of guilty is a complete admission of my guilt. Crim. R. 11(B)(1).
5. I understand that a plea of no contest is not an admission of my guilt but is an admission of the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint(s), and the plea or admission shall not be used against me in any subsequent civil or criminal proceeding. Crim. R. 11(B)(2).
6. I understand I have the right to maintain my plea of not guilty and go to trial. A plea of not guilty is a complete denial of the facts as stated in the complaint(s). I understand I have a right to a trial before a judge, or if I am charged with a jailable offense, a trial before a jury. I understand that a jury would be composed of 8 members of the community. I understand that I may participate in the selection of those jurors. I understand that all 8 jurors would have to agree on their verdict. I understand that if I have a trial before a judge, the judge alone will decide my guilt or innocence. I understand that if I enter a plea of guilty or no contest I will be giving up my right to trial.
7. I understand that if I give up my right to a trial by entering a guilty or no contest plea, I am also giving up the following rights:
 - My right to confront my accuser and cross-examine witnesses, Crim. R. 11(C)(2)(c);
 - My right to present my own evidence and to compel witnesses to testify on my behalf, Crim. R. 11(C)(2)(c);
 - My right to testify or remain silent, Crim. R. 11(C)(2)(c);
 - My right to appeal the decision in this case;
 - The requirement that the state prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, Crim. R. 11(C)(2)(c).

8. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, I am advised that conviction of the offense(s) to which I am pleading guilty or no contest may have the consequences of deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization pursuant to the laws of the United States. R.C. 2943.031(A). With this in mind, I state to the Court that:

I am a United States citizen. [] I am not a United States citizen. []

9. I have been informed of the maximum penalty the judge could impose for the offense(s) to which I am pleading, and I understand that such penalty may include jail time, monetary fine, community service, a period of community control (probation) and/or driving rights suspensions and vehicle sanctions. I also understand that a conviction may enhance or increase the penalties imposed for any future conviction. Further, I understand that if I am convicted of a traffic offense, a record of my conviction will be sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (OBMV) and made a part of my traffic record. The OBMV may assess points to my license as a result of the conviction.

Having carefully considered my rights, and acknowledging that no person has promised me any reward or leniency for entering this plea and that I have not been forced or coerced in any way into pleading, I hereby knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily enter my plea of guilty or no contest.

DATE

DEFENDANT

Witness or Defendant's Attorney/Attorney Code No.