

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.

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**JUDGE / MAGISTRATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**