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Pursuant to Florida Statute 318.14(4) you have thirty (30) calendar days from the date you receive your citation to select one of the following options. Carefully read this form before selecting your option. You may also pay your fine with a credit card or elect to attend a Driver Improvement Course (if eligible) and pay within 30 calendar days by accessing <http://myfloridacounty.com>.

Please check one of the following options:

_____ Option #1 **PAY FINE:** (*points will be assessed on moving violations*). Please refer to the back of your citation or contact the Clerk's Office. Traffic School may not be elected or attended at a later date once you choose this option.

_____ Option #2 **REQUEST A COURT APPEARANCE:** By electing this option, you will be issued a court date and you waive your right to pay the fine or elect to attend the Driver Improvement School. Please sign below if you are requesting that a court appearance be set. You will receive a letter confirming your request. If you have not received a letter within two (2) weeks of mailing your request please contact the Clerk's Office.

I, (PRINT VIOLATOR'S NAME HERE) _____, hereby elect option #2 and request that a court appearance date be set.

Date Citation Number Violator's Signature

Violator's Address _____

_____ Option #3 **AFFIDAVIT/ELECTION TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE:** (*no points will be assessed*). Fine amounts for the Driver Improvement School are different than the fine amounts due if you elect option #1. **Refer to the back of this form or contact the Clerk's Office.** You will need to consult the yellow pages or the internet for available State of Florida approved traffic schools.

I understand this option is available to me if:

I DO NOT HAVE A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

I **have not** made an election within the last twelve (12) months.

I **have not** made more than five (5) elections in a lifetime.

I am making this election **within 30 calendar days of the date that my citation was issued.**

I **have not** been charged with a driver's license, registration insurance violation, or child restraint.

I understand to satisfactorily complete this election I must:

Mail or bring this form and applicable costs to the Clerk of the Circuit **Courts within 30 calendar days of the date my citation was issued.**

Attend and complete an approved driver improvement school in the State of Florida and present **proof of completion to the Clerk of Courts within 90 calendar days of the date I sign the affidavit** electing to attend a driver improvement course.

New Basic Driving School (BDI) Requirement House Bill 481 Effective October 1, 2009

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle now require any operator convicted of failure to obey a traffic control device (running a red light), failure to yield right-of-way to vehicle or pedestrian, a passing a stopped school bus to complete a Department approved 4-hour basic driver improvement course. All drivers, except CDL holders may elect to attend a BDI course in lieu of points only if the driver is eligible. All drivers, even CDL holders, are required to complete this course. If the driver does not elect to attend school, the Department will automatically generate a notice advising they must complete a BDI course within 90 days from the date of the notice.

I understand that if I satisfactorily complete this election:

My driver record will not reflect a conviction.
Points will not be assessed against my driver's license.

I understand that if I fail to complete any requirement of this election:

I will be guilty of the offense and my driving record will be changed to show a conviction of this offense.
Points will be assessed against my driver's license.
Additional fines, costs, and fees will be due.

NOTICE: DO NOT SIGN THIS ELECTION UNLESS YOU ARE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE CONDITIONS FOR ELECTING TO ATTEND A DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE.

My signature indicates my intent to elect to attend a driver improvement course. By signing this form, I understand that I must complete a driver improvement course. If I do not attend the driver improvement course I will be required to pay additional fees and points will be assessed on my driving record.

Date: _____

Violator's Name: _____ (Type or Print)

Violator's Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Citation Number: _____

Certificate Due: _____

CITATION COST/AMOUNT FOR DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL

SPEEDING VIOLATIONS

<u>Original Ticket Cost</u>	<u>Election Cost</u>
\$128.00	\$135.00
\$203.00	\$210.00
\$253.00	\$260.00
\$278.00	\$285.00

SCHOOL ZONE/CONSTRUCTION ZONE

\$153.00	\$160.00
\$303.00	\$310.00
\$403.00	\$410.00
\$453.00	\$460.00

MOVING INFRACTIONS

\$163.00	\$170.00
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RAILROAD CROSSING VIOLATION

\$203.00	\$210.00
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FAIL TO STOP @ TRAFFIC SIGNAL WRITTEN BY LEO

\$261.00	\$268.00
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**THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A REDUCTION OF THE FINE FOR SCHOOL ELECTION,
THE FULL AMOUNT IS DUE PLUS \$7.00 AFFIDAVIT FEE**

**Mail to: Hardee County Clerk of Courts, P.O. Drawer 1749, Wauchula, FL 33873 Attn: Traffic
Payment in the form of a money order, cashiers or business checks within the State of Florida.**