



# Fairburn Municipal Court

## Acknowledgement of Rights



I have been advised of the below listed rights that I have before this court. I have been advised that there are three (3) ways to dispose of this case once the prosecutor has decided to proceed with the accusation filed against me. I acknowledge and understand that, as to each charge or allegation filed against me, I may enter a Not Guilty Plea, a Guilty Plea, or a Nolo Contendere Plea.

If I enter a Not Guilty Plea, all witnesses intending to testify in my case, including myself, if I choose to testify, will be sworn to oath and give oral testimony subject to the rules of evidence and criminal procedures.

If I enter a Guilty Plea, I understand that I have no right to present evidence in my own defense; however, I may ask the court to allow me to give an explanation, but such is discretionary with the court. I understand that the court has the right to elicit testimony from the prosecution as to the nature of the violation(s) for the purpose of imposing sentence.

If I enter a Nolo Contendere Please (commonly referred to as NOLO Plea) then in that event I am not admitting, nor am I denying, my guilt or innocence.

Each matter in which I enter a plea, whether a Nolo Contendere or Guilty Plea, or where the court adjudicates me guilty, the court may impose a jail sentence up to twelve (12) months and/or impose a fine up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

I understand that being represented by an attorney is a very important legal right, that an attorney might help me understand more fully and completely: 1.) the nature of charge(s) against me, 2.) whether there are any statutory lesser-included offenses, 3.) the range of punishment, 4.) possible defense, 5.) the possibility of mitigating circumstance, 6.) anything else necessary to a broad understanding of the matter, and 7.) any possibility of a plea of negotiation.

Further, I hereby state the following:

- A. I am not under the influence of any alcohol, narcotics, or other drugs and I fully understand the charge(s) against me.
- B. I understand that I have a right to plead Not Guilty to every charge against me and have the prosecution prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- C. I understand that if I plead Not Guilty, I have a right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- D. I understand that if I plead Not Guilty, I have the right to hear questions and cross-examine the witnesses called to testify against me at trial.
- E. I understand that I have the right to be represented by an attorney and if I cannot afford an attorney an attorney may be appointed to represent me by the court.
- F. I understand that if I plead Guilty/Nolo Contendere I will have waived my rights identified in Statements 1 through 6 above.
- G. I understand that if I plead Guilty/Nolo Contendere, I could be jailed for as long as twelve (12) months and/or fined up to \$5,000.00 for each charge against me.
- H. That no person has used any threats, force, pressure, or intimidation to make me plead Guilty or Nolo Contendere.
- I. That no person has made any promises to cause me to enter such a plea.
- J. I understand that if I plead Guilty/Nolo Contendere, I voluntarily give up my right to confront the witnesses against me on such a plea.
- K. I have read each of the above statements and have no questions about my rights and/or the procedures outlines above.
- L. I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, this plea could have an impact on my immigration status.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date