

**IN THE GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT
GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. _____

Defendant,

COUNSEL'S AUTHORITY TO PRESENT GUILTY PLEA IN ABSENTIA
(TRAFFIC CASES ONLY)

I, _____, hereby authorize _____, to represent me
(Defendant) (Attorney)

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 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 control including imposition of jail time.

I, the undersigned defendant in the above cause, hereby voluntarily **waive** and **relinquish** my right to a trial by **jury**, and elect to be tried by a Judge of the Court in which the said cause may be pending. I fully understand that under the laws of this state, I have a **constitutional** right to a trial by jury.

I am a United States citizen

I am **not** a United States citizen. I understand that pleading guilty or no contest to the offense 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.

Defendant's signature

Date

Signature of Defendant's Attorney

Attorney Reg. No.

Name of Defendant's Attorney

Phone Number

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Consent to Plea in Absentia

The State/City of Gallipolis, Ohio, represented by the Gallipolis City Solicitor, consents to proceed with the plea and sentencing of this represented defendant in absentia.

Gallipolis City Solicitor

Date

Court's Acceptance of Plea in Absentia

The court hereby accepts the defendant's plea of guilty in absentia to the above referenced charge.

Judge

Date