DISMISSAL OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY VIOLATIONS

IT IS ORDERED that any time prior to the date of the first appearance for a citation of "Fail to Provide Proof of Financial Responsibility" a Clerk may accept proof of financial responsibility for dismissal if it complies with the following requirements for acceptable proof.

ACCEPTABLE PROOF

1) a copy of the motor vehicle liability insurance policy covering the vehicle;
2) an insurance binder that confirms the operator is in compliance Chapter 601, Trans. Code.

For purposes of this Standing Order, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy must be an owner's or operator's policy that (i) is issued by an insurance company authorized to write motor vehicle liability insurance in this state; (ii) is written to or for the benefit of the named insured in the policy; and (iii) meets the minimum coverage requirements (As of January 1, 2011, minimum coverage is $30,000/$60,000/$25,000).

Premium notices, payment receipts and/or handwritten documents are **not** "acceptable proof" of financial responsibility.

Fleet policies may be accepted by a Clerk for dismissal if the defendant presents valid proof consistent with the criteria above and indicia of authorization to drive the covered vehicle.

All proof of financial responsibility shall be verified prior to dismissal, unless directed otherwise by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any cases regarding the sufficiency or validity of proof of financial responsibility shall be set for hearing before the Court.

If a Defendant presents acceptable proof in a case for which a warrant has been issued, a Clerk shall attempt immediately to verify the proof. **IT IS ORDERED** that if a Clerk cannot verify financial responsibility for the defendant or the vehicle on the date the citation was issued, the Defendant shall be required to post a personal appearance bond in an amount equal to the window fine and any additional fees and/or fines that may be assessed.

The status of the violator's driver's license or right to obtain a driver's license shall not be considered when determining eligibility for dismissal.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 9th day of January 2025.

Judge mark Laughlin
Justice of the Peace, Pct.3
Grimes County. Tx