

Wadsworth Municipal Court
DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS

Name _____ Case No. _____

I, Defendant, appearing in court and before entering a plea of Guilty or No Contest to the charge(s) brought against me, affirm and understand that:

1. I have the right to have the nature of the charge(s) and possible penalties explained to me;
2. I have the right to an attorney, the right to a reasonable continuance to secure and consult with an attorney, and if I cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me without cost to me;
3. I have the right to reasonable bail;
4. I cannot be forced to make any statements about my case at any point in the proceedings, but any statements that I make are recorded and can be used against me;
5. I have the right to have a trial by a judge or to a jury;
6. I have the right to a reasonable continuance of my trial upon my request;
7. The prosecutor has the burden to prove every element of the charge(s) against me beyond a reasonable doubt before I can be found guilty of the charge(s);
8. I have the right to confront any witness who testifies against me at trial.
9. I have the right to be presumed innocent at trial;
10. I have the right to remain silent at trial and cannot be forced to testify or make any statements at trial;
11. I have the right to present witnesses in my defense and subpoena them to appear in court at trial;
12. A Guilty Plea is a full admission of the truth of the facts in the Complaint and of my guilt of the charge(s);
13. A No Contest Plea is an admission of the truth of the facts in the Complaint, but not an admission of guilt, A plea of No Contest permits the court to make a finding of guilt, however a No Contest Plea cannot be used against me in a subsequent civil or criminal action, arising out of the same set of circumstances, as an admission of guilt;
14. If I enter a Plea of Guilty or No Contest, I waive my right to trial and all the above rights, and the court will go on to judgment and sentencing me without unnecessary delay.
15. If I am not a United States citizen, Pleading Guilty or No Contest may lead to my deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, and may lead to denial of naturalization per United States laws;
16. If I am on probation or parole, a plea of Guilty/No Contest may violate a term of my probation or parole;
17. If I am convicted of a traffic violation, a record of my conviction will be sent to the Ohio BMV and become part of my driving record including points. Any action of the Ohio BMV is independent of the court;
18. If convicted of an enhanceable offense, another offense of the same charge will subject me to enhanced (more serious penalties).

By signing below, I acknowledge that I can read, write, and understand English. I have read the above rights, and they have been explained to me by the Court as well as the rights I am waiving/giving up. In full understanding of my legal rights, I willingly wish to enter a plea of Guilty / No Contest to the charge of:

Charge(s): _____

Defendant's Signature _____ Date _____

Attorney's Signature _____ Date _____

The Court finds that Defendant has been explained the constitutional rights herein, and understands them as well as the rights Defendant is waving, the Court therefore finds that Defendant's plea was entered into knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently **WHEREFORE**, the Court accepts Defendant's plea of Guilty / No Contest.