

**IN THE SYLVANIA MUNICIPAL COURT  
SYLVANIA, OHIO**

**STATE OF OHIO**

Plaintiff

-vs-

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

\* **Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Judge Michael A. Bonfiglio**

\* **PLEA IN ABSENTIA**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Defendant, pursuant to Ohio Traffic Rule 12, do hereby consent to entering a plea in absentia by and through undersigned counsel.

I understand I have the right to be tried by the Judge of this Court; I understand that I have the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, call witnesses to testify on my behalf and to exercise compulsory process, meaning using the subpoena power of the Court to require witnesses' attendance at trial. I understand that I am presumed innocent and have the right to require that the City or State prove each and every allegation contained within their Complaint/Traffic Citation beyond a reasonable doubt. I understand that I have the right to remain silent and cannot be compelled to testify against myself. I understand that I may appear at a trial within the time limitations provided for in O.R.C. 2945.71 and exercise the rights herein stated.

I do hereby knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waive the rights stated herein and enter a plea of guilty to the following charge in the captioned case:

**Violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.20(A)(1), Brake Equipment.**

I fully understand the explanation of rights, waiver of rights, plea of guilty, and the consequences of a plea of guilty. I understand the nature of the charge, and that by signing this document I freely and knowingly agree to the contents herein and consent to the jurisdiction of

the Court and its ability to proceed to sentencing. I waive reading of the facts associated with this complaint and consent to a finding of guilty.

No other promises or agreements have been made to cause this written plea of guilty.

I understand that the maximum penalty is a \$150.00 fine, plus court costs. I have signed and dated this document after being advised of these rights and consequences, and of my right to an attorney.

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Defendant's Signature

Date

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Counsel for Defendant

Date