

ADVISEMENT OF LEGAL RIGHTS-ADULT

The following is an explanation of your rights in this court. Before you enter into plea discussions with the Prosecuting Attorney or appear before the Judge, you must read and sign this form. You do not have to speak with the Prosecutor, but the purpose of that discussion is to explore a possible disposition or plea bargain in your case. If you do not want to enter into a plea bargain with the Prosecutor, you have the right to plead Not Guilty and set your case for trial, or to request a continuance to consult an attorney or further consider your options in the case.

You have the following rights:

1. To remain silent. The court proceedings are recorded, and any statement you make may be used against you.
2. To understand the nature of the charges filed against you, and to be presumed innocent of those charges unless and until you plead guilty or are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
3. To have an attorney represent you. In some cases, you may be eligible to apply for the services of a court appointed attorney. If you apply and qualify, an attorney would be appointed to represent you at no cost to you.
4. To understand the maximum penalty on any traffic infraction or non-criminal municipal code violation is a fine of up to \$2650. The maximum penalty on any criminal, traffic offense or animal violation is a fine of up to \$2650 and/or up to 364 days in jail.
5. To plead guilty or not guilty; any plea you enter must be voluntary and not the result of any influence from another, threats or false promises.
6. If you plead not guilty, you have the right to a speedy and a public trial within 91 days of your not guilty plea. You may have a right to a jury trial depending on the charge you are facing. If you are eligible and would like a jury trial, you must make a written demand and pay a \$25 jury fee, or request waiver of the fee due to the inability to pay, and you must do so within 21 days of your not guilty plea, or you waive your right to a jury trial and your trial would be to a judge instead.
7. If your case proceeds to trial, you have the right to cross-examine any witness called against you, and the right to bring witnesses of your own. If you need subpoena forms to legally demand the attendance of witnesses, the Court can provide the forms, but cannot serve the subpoenas—that must be done by a person over the age of 18 who is not a party to the case.
8. At your trial, you would have the right to testify or to remain silent, and if you choose to remain silent, that could not be used against you as evidence of your guilt.
9. If you are convicted at trial, you have the right to appeal the conviction within 35 days to the Adams County District Court.
10. If you are in custody, you have the right to have bail set in your case.
11. If you plead guilty, no contest, or admit a violation that results in a judgment of conviction, or if you are found guilty after trial, your plea or guilty finding may affect any probation, parole, or immigration issue you may be facing. If you are not a citizen of the United States, you are advised that certain convictions may have negative

immigration outcomes including, but not limited to, deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization. You have the right to request a continuance to consult an attorney about any of these possible outcomes before entering a plea on your case.

12. If you are currently serving or are a veteran of the United States Military, you may be entitled to receive certain mental health treatment, substance abuse disorder treatment, or other services, and the Court can provide further information at your request.
13. Sealing of records: When there is a complete dismissal of all charges, an acquittal following trial, or successful completion of a deferred judgment and sentence, Colorado law permits cases to be sealed, except for basic identifying information pursuant to C.R.S. §24-72-705. Where there is a conviction, Colorado law permits the filing of a petition to seal three years following the completion of the sentence in a municipal case pursuant to C.R.S. §24-72-708, which requires a \$65 filing fee. Please review the statutes for further information.

Defendant Name

Preferred Name

Defendant Signature

Date

By signing below, I do hereby agree to receive all future communications including any receipts of payment by email. I acknowledge no copies of court paperwork will be sent by mail and that it is my responsibility to keep any communications received.

Email address

Signature