

**NORTH CAROLINA
GASTON COUNTY**

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NUMBER _____(2)**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Plaintiff,

v.

WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE

_____(1)
Defendant.

NOW COMES THE DEFENDANT, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 15A-1011(a)(3), and waives his/her right to appear personally for entry of plea and trial. Defendant authorizes Attorney L. Martin Taylor to appear on his/her behalf and enter negotiated pleas and sign legal documents regarding the above captioned case file number. Defendant agrees to waive the right to testify in person and the right to face his/her accusers in person and agrees to be bound by the decision of the court as in any other case of adjudication of guilty and entry of judgment subject to any right of appeal via a new trial which Defendant may have on all criminal matters, but not infractions. Defendant understands that Defendant and NOT his/her attorney is and will be responsible for paying any and all court costs and/or fines. Defendant agrees that any paid excess or remaining de minimis court cost and/or fine (\$15 or less) due to better than expected results or otherwise, at the conclusion of legal representation becomes part of attorney's fee and is non-refundable. Defendant agrees to immediately update the attorney on any changes in the Defendant's telephone number and/or email address. Defendant consents to email communication and also agrees that representation is limited to District Court only.

Today's Date _____ (3).

Signature _____ (4) Daytime Phone No. _____ (5)

Legible Email Address _____ (6)

City _____ (7) State _____ (8) Zip _____ (9)

If you missed Court, what was the reason? _____ (10)

- Check this box IF the address noted on this Waiver of Personal Appearance is different from the address noted on your citation (11).

Instructions for completing this form:

1. Clearly print your full legal name on the line marked Defendant.
2. Print your case file number if you have it. If you do not have your case file number you may call 704.852.3100 to obtain it from the clerk of court or enter your date of birth here: _____.
3. Print today's date: a) the day of the month, b) the month, and c) the year.
4. Sign on the signature line.
5. Print your daytime telephone number clearly; I will only call if there is a problem.
6. Print very clearly your current email address. If you do not have an email or wish to receive a letter via USPS please enter your street address.
7. Print the name of the city you live in.
8. Print the initials of the state you live in.
9. Print the zip code of the state that you live in.
10. If you missed court list the reason. If you did not miss court you may ignore this part of form.
11. Check the box only if your address has changed from the address noted on your ticket.

Note - This form **does not** have to be notarized. **Caution** – this form allows me to legally stand in your place so be sure to fill it out completely and accurately; failure to do so will result in your case being declined and all materials returned.

PLEASE MAIL ALL REQUIRED ITEMS, IN ONE ENVELOPE, TO: (or drop by office)

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