IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

FOR LEWIS COUNTY

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| State of Washington,  County of Lewis, or  City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,  Plaintiff,  vs.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,    Defendant. | Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Petition for Contested Hearing on Infraction(s) via Written Statement (No appearance) |

This is the form used to request a deferred finding and/or a contested hearing by mail. **Fill out the *FRONT* and *BACK* of this form, sign it, and return it as indicated below.**

**Check this box if you wish to request a deferred finding.** A deferred finding is available only for traffic infractions. Within a seven-year period, a person may receive one deferred finding on a moving violation and one deferred finding on a nonmoving violation. A deferred finding is discretionary, and the Judge may not grant deferred findings on some infractions. Drivers with CDLs or who committed infractions in a commercial vehicle are ineligible. In Lewis County, a person who lacks a valid license and insurance is also ineligible. If the judge grants your deferred finding, the decision on your case will be deferred for between 6 and 12 months. (You will be notified of the duration.) During that time, you must commit no crimes nor infractions and pay an administrative fee of $175.00. If you satisfy both conditions, your infraction(s) will be dismissed. If not, the infraction(s) will be found committed, and you will be assessed the penalty amount and a $52.00 Dept.of Licensing assessment in addition to any portion of the administrative fee you have paid. Fill out the rest of this form even if you are requesting a deferred finding. If you request a deferred finding using this form, but are not granted the deferred, the Court will conduct a contested hearing based upon your statement below.

**I request a contested hearing by written statement.**

The undersigned Defendant requests that the Court review this declaration made under penalty of perjury and decide whether the infractions below have been committed.

I have received a notice of infraction for the following offense(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Penalty $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Penalty $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Penalty $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I did not commit the infraction(s). I respectfully ask the court to consider my testimony as follows: (lines continue on back of form; you may also attach additional materials if needed) **Note:** Anything submitted to the court will not be retained nor returned.

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I promise that if it is determined that I committed the infraction(s) for which I was cited, I will pay the monetary penalty authorized by law and assessed by the Court.

*If that occurs, I request \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months (6 months maximum) to pay the penalty in full.*

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all of the statements above are true and correct.

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[Date and Place Signed] [Defendant’s Signature]

Defendant’s printed name and mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant’s phone number, in case needed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Within 15 days of receipt of this form, submit the completed form to the Clerk’s Office window or by mail to Lewis County District Court, PO Box 600, Chehalis, WA 98532. The Court will not consider the form if it is submitted 6 calendar days or fewer before a scheduled hearing on this case.