

CAUSE NO. _____

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| _____ | § | IN THE JUSTICE COURT |
| PLAINTIFF | § | |
| | § | |
| v. | § | PRECINCT _____ |
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| _____ | § | |
| DEFENDANT | § | _____ COUNTY, TEXAS |

PETITION: EVICTION CASE

COMPLAINT: Plaintiff hereby sues the following Defendant(s) (*include name, email address, DOB, and last 3 digits of DL & SSN, if known*) : _____

for eviction from Plaintiff's premises (including storerooms and parking areas) located in the above precinct. The address of the property is:

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Street Address | Unit No. (<i>if any</i>) | City | State | Zip |

GROUND FOR EVICTION: Plaintiff alleges the following grounds for eviction:

☐ **Unpaid rent.** Defendant(s) failed to pay rent for the following time period(s): _____.

The amount of rent claimed as of the date of filing is: \$_____. Defendant

☐ has or ☐ has not been late/delinquent in paying rent before the month in which notice was given. Plaintiff reserves the right to orally amend the amount at trial to include rent due from the date of filing through the date of trial.

☐ **Other lease violations.** Defendant(s) breached the terms of the lease (other than by failing to pay rent) as follows: _____

☐ **Holdover.** Defendant(s) are unlawfully holding over by failing to vacate at the end of the rental term or periodic tenancy, which ended on _____, 20____.

☐ **Squatter.** Defendant(s) never had a right to possess the property and are unlawfully occupying the premises after a demand to surrender possession given on _____, 20____. Plaintiff ☐ has or ☐ has not attached a Motion for Summary Disposition under Rule 510.10.

☐ **Expiration of Tenancy at Will or by Sufferance.** Defendant(s) had no lease agreement and have failed to vacate the premises after being given a termination notice, if applicable, and a demand to surrender possession given on _____, 20____.

PRE-SUIT NOTICE: Plaintiff has given Defendant(s) a ☐ notice to vacate ☐ notice to pay or vacate (according to Property Code § 24.005(f-3) or (f-4)) and demand for possession. Such notice was delivered on _____, 20____ by this method: _____

SUIT FOR RENT: Plaintiff ☐ does or ☐ does not include a suit for unpaid rent.

ATTORNEY'S FEES: Plaintiff ☐ will be or ☐ will not be seeking applicable attorney's fees. The attorney's name, address, phone and fax numbers are:

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION BOND: If Plaintiff has filed a bond for immediate possession, Plaintiff requests that: (1) the court set the amount of the bond; (2) the court approve the bond; and (3) proper notices, as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, are given to Defendant(s).

SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on Defendant(s) by: personal service at home or work, or by delivery to a person over the age of 16 years at Defendant's usual place of residence. If required, Plaintiff requests alternative service as allowed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Home or work addresses other than the premises where Defendant(s) may be served are:

Plaintiff knows of no other home or work addresses of Defendant(s) in this county.

RELIEF: Plaintiff requests that Defendant(s) is served with the citation and that Plaintiff is awarded a judgment against Defendant(s) for: possession of the premises, including removal of Defendant(s) and Defendant's possessions from the premises, unpaid rent, if set forth above, attorney's fees if applicable, court costs, and interest on the above sums at the rate stated in the lease, or if not so stated, at the statutory rate for judgments.

☐ I hereby request a jury trial. The fee is \$22 and must be paid at least 3 days before trial.

SERVICE BY EMAIL: (Normally, documents in this case are sent by mail. If it is easier for you, you can choose to get some of the documents sent by email. If you choose to get documents by email, you must have an email account where you can receive, open, and view large attachments, and it is important that you check this email account every day. **Even if you receive some documents by email, you will still receive some documents about the case by mail or personal service, so you must not ignore any documents from the court or other parties received by mail or personal service.**)

☐ Yes, I would like to receive documents related to this case by email at this email address:

_____.

☐ No, I do not want to receive any documents by email.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Hearing by Phone Call: *(When a hearing happens by phone call, you will be able to talk to and hear the judge, Defendant, or any witnesses, but you will not be able to see them. Copies of any evidence to be used must be exchanged by the parties and sent to the judge before the hearing.)*

- ☐ Yes, I am able to have any hearings in this case, except a jury trial, by phone call with the judge and Defendant and understand that I must have a phone to use on the date and time of the hearing.
- ☐ No, I am not able to have hearings by phone call.

Hearing by Video Conference: *(When a hearing happens by video conference, you can hear, see, and talk to the judge, Defendant, and any witnesses. You will be able to see any evidence presented during the hearing. You will need to have a computer, a smartphone, or tablet that has a camera feature. You will also need access to the internet to be able to have a video conference.)*

- ☐ Yes, I am able to have any hearings in this case, except a jury trial, by video conference. I understand that I am responsible for having the equipment and internet access needed to participate in a video conference on the date and time of the hearing.
- ☐ No, I am not able to have hearings by video conference.

NOTE: Your responses in this section do not guarantee that hearings will be held remotely, but rather they help the court know how you are able to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature of Plaintiff

Signature of Agent or Attorney, if any

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

State Bar No.: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on _____, 20____.

CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT OR NOTARY