

CAUSE NO. _____

PLAINTIFF

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

v.

PRECINCT _____

DEFENDANT

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

PETITION: SMALL CLAIMS CASE

I. DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS:

II. COMPLAINT: Plaintiff files this suit against Defendant based upon the following facts:

III. RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks:

damages in the amount of \$ _____

return of personal property as described as follows *(be specific)*: _____

_____, which has a value of \$ _____.

Additionally, Plaintiff seeks the following:

IV. SERVICE OF CITATION: Service is requested on Defendant(s) by:

Personal service at home or work,

Registered mail, or

Certified mail return receipt requested.

If required, Plaintiff requests alternative service as allowed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Other addresses where Defendant(s) may be served are: _____

- V. **ONGOING INTEREST:** Plaintiff does or does not seek ongoing interest. If so:
The effective interest rate claimed is _____%; this interest rate is based upon
 contract statute and began accruing on _____; the dollar amount of
interest claimed as of _____ is \$_____.

VI. **JURY REQUEST**

I request a jury trial. (*The fee is \$22 and must be paid at least 14 days before trial unless you file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs in compliance with Rule 502.3.*)

I do not request a jury at this time.

- VII. **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.

VIII. **REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Hearing by Phone Call: (*When a hearing happens by phone call, you will be able to talk to and hear the judge, Plaintiff, 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 Plaintiff 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, Plaintiff, 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

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Signature of Attorney, if any

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

State Bar No.: _____
