

CAUSE NO. _____

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

DEFENDANT’S ANSWER - SMALL CLAIMS

I. GENERAL DENIAL, ADDITIONAL PLEAS, AND OTHER INFORMATION *(Under Texas law, the defendant to a lawsuit is only required to answer with a general denial. See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 502.5 for all the answer requirements.)*

My name is _____.

I **generally deny** the claims that Plaintiff has made in their Petition and demand that all claims be proven. *(The Plaintiff is the person suing you.)*

I understand that the above general denial is all that is required of a Defendant under Texas law, but I wish to provide additional information:

I dispute the claims in the petition for the following reasons *(list)*:

I claim the following defenses *(list)*:

II. 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 Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 502.3.*)

I do not request a jury at this time.

III. 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 and look at large documents, 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.

IV. RELIEF REQUESTED

Defendant reserves the right to file an Amended Defendant’s Answer with the court to plead other defenses after further investigation and discovery.

Defendant requests that the court enter judgment for Defendant, award Defendant’s costs, and for such other and further relief to which Defendant may prove to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature of Defendant

Signature of Attorney, if any

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

State Bar No.: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

(This answer and any other pleadings or motions must be sent to the court and served on the other parties in the case by following Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 501.4.)

I hereby certify that a copy of this answer was served on Plaintiff on _____,
20____, pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 501.4 by:

- Personal delivery
- Mail
- Fax
- Email (if both parties have agreed in writing and provided an email address)
- Another method approved by the court: _____

Signature