

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

_____	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
PLAINTIFF	§	
	§	
v.	§	PRECINCT 3, PLACE 1
	§	
_____	§	
DEFENDANT	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

### DEFENDANT'S ANSWER - EVICTION

- I. GENERAL DENIAL, ADDITIONAL PLEAS, AND OTHER INFORMATION** *(Under Texas law, the Defendant to an eviction lawsuit is not required but may file a written answer. If the Plaintiff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition with their petition, please use the "Summary Disposition Response" form).*

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 no answer is required of a Defendant in an eviction lawsuit under Texas law, but I wish to provide the following additional information:**

I dispute the claims in the petition for the following reasons:

☐ **Texas Notice to Vacate:** Plaintiff did not give proper pre-suit notice as required by Property Code § 24.005;

☐ **Other:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I claim the following defenses *(list)*:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II. JURY REQUEST**

- ☐ I request a jury trial. (*The fee is \$22 and must be paid at least 3 days before trial or 3 days after service of the citation, whichever is later, unless you file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs in compliance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 510.7.*)
- ☐ I do not request a jury at this time.

**III. SERVICE BY EMAIL** (*required for documents sent by the Court*)

- ☐ 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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Agent or Attorney, if any

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 510.5(c).)*

I hereby certify that a copy of this answer was served on Plaintiff on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 510.5(c) by:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature