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

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Plaintiff §

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v. § PRECINCT 5, PLACE 1

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Defendant § DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

**DEFENDANT’S ANSWER - SMALL CLAIMS**

1. **TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:**

Come now, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Defendant, makes and files this, an Original Answer, and respectfully shows:

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1. **REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

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

* Yes, I am able to have any hearings in this case, except a jury trial, by phone call with the judge and the 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, the 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,

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| Signature of Defendant | |  | Signature of Attorney, if any | |
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⧠ The request for an interpreter is $190 and must be paid five (5) days before the trial.

⧠I hereby request a jury trial. The fee is $22 and must be paid at least 14 days before trial.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

I certify that a copy of this answer was sent to the Plaintiff on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, in compliance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 501.4 by:

* Personal delivery to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mail or courier to this address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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* Another method approved by the court: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant’s Signature