

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

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PLAINTIFF

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DEFENDANT

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT

PRECINCT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY, TEXAS

**PETITION: EVICTION CASE**

**COMPLAINT:** Plaintiff hereby sues the following Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for eviction of Plaintiff's premises (including  
storerooms and parking areas) located in the above precinct. The address of the property  
is:

Street Address	Unit No. (if any)	City	State	Zip
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**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: \$\_\_\_\_\_. 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 renewal of extension period, which was the \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**NOTICE TO VACATE:** Plaintiff has given Defendant(s) a written notice to vacate (according  
to Chapter 24.005 of the Texas Property Code) and demand for possession. Such notice was  
delivered on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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. Other home or work addresses 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, 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.

☐ I hereby consent for the answer and any other motions or pleadings to be sent to my email address as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I hereby incorporate by reference the attached Verification of Compliance with Sections 4023 and 4024 of the CARES Act and the CDC Eviction Moratorium Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Plaintiff or Agent or Attorney

**Defendant's Information** (if known):

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last three digits of Driver License: \_\_\_\_\_

Last three digits of Soc. Sec. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Plaintiff or Agent or Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone & Fax No. of Plaintiff  
or Agent or Attorney

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT OR NOTARY

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 4023 AND 4024 OF THE CARES ACT AND  
THE CDC ISSUED FEDERAL EVICTION MORATORIUM ORDER**

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

I am (check one) ☐ the Plaintiff or ☐ an authorized agent of the Plaintiff in the eviction case described at the top of this page. I am capable of making this affidavit. The facts stated in the affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

**1. Verification:**

a. Plaintiff is seeking to recover possession of the following property:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Apartment Complex (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address & Unit No. (if any) City County State ZIP

b. I verify that this property (select the one that applies): ☐ is ☐ is not a "covered dwelling" as defined by Section 4024(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The facts on which I base my conclusion are as follows:

(Please identify whether the property has a federally backed mortgage loan or federally backed multifamily mortgage loan, and if not, which database or information you have used to determine that fact.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(If the property does not have a federally backed mortgage loan or federally backed multifamily mortgage loan, please state whether or not: (1) the property is a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) property, (2) the property is federally subsidized under any HUD program, or (3) the property leases to persons with Section 8 vouchers.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- c. I verify that plaintiff (select the one that applies): ☐ is ☐ is not  
a "multifamily borrower" currently under forbearance under Section 4023 of the CARES Act.
- d. I verify that plaintiff (select the one that applies):  
☐ **has** provided the defendant with 30 days' notice to vacate as required under Section 4024(c) and 4023(e) of the CARES Act.  
☐ **has not** provided the 30 days' notice, because the property is not a "covered dwelling."
- e. I certify that the plaintiff: ☐ has ☐ has not  
received a CDC Sworn Declaration from the tenant stating that they are a "covered person" under the CDC issued Federal Eviction Moratorium Order. *Any landlord proceeding with a nonpayment eviction of a "covered person" despite receiving a Declaration can be fined up to \$100,000 under federal law.*

**2. Declaration or Notary:** Complete only one of the two following sections:

- a. **Declaration:** I declare under penalty of perjury that everything in this verification is true and correct. My name is : \_\_\_\_\_

My birthdate is: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
Month Day Year

My address is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address & Unit No. (if any) City County State ZIP  
 Signed on \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.  
Month Day Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Signature

OR

- b. **Notary:** I declare under penalty of perjury that everything in this verification is true and correct

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Signature (sign only before a notary)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 CLERK OF THE COURT OR NOTARY

CARES Act  
Public Law 116-136

**SEC. 4023. FORBEARANCE OF RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN PAYMENTS FOR MULTIFAMILY PROPERTIES WITH FEDERALLY BACKED LOANS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—During the covered period, a multifamily borrower with a Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan experiencing a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency may request a forbearance under the terms set forth in this section.

(b) **REQUEST FOR RELIEF.**—A multifamily borrower with a Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan that was current on its payments as of February 1, 2020, may submit an oral or written request for forbearance under subsection (a) to the borrower's servicer affirming that the multifamily borrower is experiencing a financial hardship during the COVID-19 emergency.

(c) **FORBEARANCE PERIOD.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Upon receipt of an oral or written request for forbearance from a multifamily borrower, a servicer shall—

(A) document the financial hardship;

(B) provide the forbearance for up to 30 days; and

(C) extend the forbearance for up to 2 additional 30 day periods upon the request of the borrower provided that, the borrower's request for an extension is made during the covered period, and, at least 15 days prior to the end of the forbearance period described under subparagraph (B).

(2) **RIGHT TO DISCONTINUE.**—A multifamily borrower shall have the option to discontinue the forbearance at any time.

(d) **RENTER PROTECTIONS DURING FORBEARANCE PERIOD.**—A multifamily borrower that receives a forbearance under this section may not, for the duration of the forbearance—

(1) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant from a dwelling unit located in or on the applicable property solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or charges; or

(2) charge any late fees, penalties, or other charges to a tenant described in paragraph (1) for late payment of rent.

(e) **NOTICE.**—A multifamily borrower that receives a forbearance under this section—

(1) may not require a tenant to vacate a dwelling unit located in or on the applicable property before the date that is 30 days after the date on which the borrower provides the tenant with a notice to vacate; and

(2) may not issue a notice to vacate under paragraph (1) until after the expiration of the forbearance.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **APPLICABLE PROPERTY.**—The term "applicable property", with respect to a Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan, means the residential multifamily property against which the mortgage loan is secured by a lien.

(2) **FEDERALLY BACKED MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE LOAN.**—The term "Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan" includes any loan (other than temporary financing such as a construction loan) that—

(A) is secured by a first or subordinate lien on residential multifamily real property designed principally for the occupancy of 5 or more families, including any such secured loan, the proceeds of which are used to prepay or pay off an existing loan secured by the same property; and

(B) is made in whole or in part, or insured, guaranteed, supplemented, or assisted in any way, by any officer or agency of the Federal Government or under or in connection with a housing or urban development program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or a housing or related program administered by any other such officer or agency, or is purchased or securitized by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

(3) **MULTIFAMILY BORROWER.**—the term "multifamily borrower" means a borrower of a residential mortgage loan that is secured by a lien against a property comprising 5 or more dwelling units.

(4) **COVID-19 EMERGENCY.**—The term "COVID-19 emergency" means the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak declared by the President on March 13, 2020 under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(5) **COVERED PERIOD.**—The term "covered period" means the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the sooner of—

(A) the termination date of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak declared by the President on March 13, 2020 under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); or

(B) December 31, 2020.

**Sec. 4024 TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTION FILINGS.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COVERED DWELLING.**— The term "covered dwelling" means a dwelling that—

- (A) is occupied by a tenant—
    - (i) pursuant to a residential lease; or
    - (ii) without a lease or with a lease terminable under State law; and
  - (B) is on or in a covered property.
- (2) COVERED PROPERTY.—The term “covered property” means any property that—
- (A) participates in—
    - (i) a covered housing program (as defined in section 41411(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(a)));
    - or
    - (ii) the rural housing voucher program under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490r); or
  - (B) has a—
    - (i) Federally backed mortgage loan; or (ii) Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan.
- (3) DWELLING.—The term “dwelling”—
- (A) has the meaning given the term in section 802 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3602); and (B) includes houses and dwellings described in section 803(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3603(b)).
- (4) FEDERALLY BACKED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term “Federally backed mortgage loan” includes any loan (other than temporary financing such as a construction loan) that —
- (A) is secured by a first or subordinate lien on residential real property (including individual units of condominiums and cooperatives) designed principally for the occupancy of from 1 to 4 families, including any such secured loan, the proceeds of which are used to prepay or pay off an existing loan secured by the same property; and
  - (B) is made in whole or in part, or insured, guaranteed, supplemented, or assisted in any way by any officer or agency of the Federal Government or under or in connection with a housing or urban development program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or a housing or related program administered by any other such officer or agency, or is purchased or securitized by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- (5) FEDERALLY BACKED MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term “Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan” includes any loan (other than temporary financing such as a construction loan) that—
- (A) is secured by a first or subordinate lien on residential multifamily real property designed principally for the occupancy of 5 or more families, including any such secured loan, the proceeds of which are used to prepay or pay off an existing loan secured by the same property; and
  - (B) is made in whole or in part, or insured, guaranteed, supplemented, or assisted in any way, by any officer or agency of the Federal Government or under or in connection with a housing or urban development program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or a housing or related program administered by any other such officer or agency, or is purchased or securitized by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- (b) MORATORIUM.—During the 120-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the lessor of a covered dwelling may not—
- (1) make, or cause to be made, any filing with the court of jurisdiction to initiate a legal action to recover possession of the covered dwelling from the tenant for nonpayment of rent or other fees or charges; or
  - (2) charge fees, penalties, or other charges to the tenant related to such nonpayment of rent.
- (c) NOTICE.—The lessor of a covered dwelling unit—
- (1) may not require the tenant to vacate the covered dwelling unit before the date that is 30 days after the date on which the lessor provides the tenant with a notice to vacate; and
  - (2) may not issue a notice to vacate under paragraph (1) until after the expiration of the period described in subsection (b).



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EVICTON CITATION – DIVERSION PROGRAM WARNING INCLUDED

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: \_\_\_\_\_, DEFENDANT in this case:

This citation is issued pursuant to a petition filed by Plaintiff on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. In addition to possession of the property, Plaintiff is seeking the following relief in this case: ☐ back rent; ☐ attorney's fees; ☐ court costs; ☐ other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_). The Plaintiff's attorney's name and address, or the Plaintiff's address, if they have no attorney, are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
You must appear in this court, located at \_\_\_\_\_, TX \_\_\_\_\_, on the date and time stated below.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED FOR EVICTION FROM YOUR RESIDENCE. THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF SEEKS POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES AND THE OTHER RELIEF STATED ABOVE. YOU MUST APPEAR IN PERSON FOR TRIAL IN COURT AT THE LOCATION STATED ABOVE AT \_\_\_\_\_ .M. ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. YOU MAY, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO, FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE THE DAY SET FOR TRIAL. UPON TIMELY REQUEST AND PAYMENT OF A JURY FEE NO LATER THAN THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE DAY SET FOR TRIAL, THE CASE WILL BE HEARD BY A JURY. DO NOT IGNORE THESE PAPERS. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING ENTERED AGAINST YOU. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONSULT PART V. OF THE TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ALSO AT THE COURT LISTED ON THIS CITATION.

THIS SUIT TO EVICT INVOLVES IMMEDIATE DEADLINES. A TENANT WHO IS SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY MAY HAVE SPECIAL RIGHTS OR RELIEF RELATED TO THIS SUIT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT (50 U.S.C. APP. SECTION 501 ET SEQ), OR STATE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 92.017, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE. CALL THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-9TEXBAR IF YOU NEED HELP LOCATING AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE.

#### DEMANDA PARA DESALOJAR

ESTA DEMANDA PARA DESALOJAR INVOLUCRA PLAZOS INMEDIATOS. UN INQUILINO QUE ESTA EN EL SERVICIO MILITAR ACTIVO PUEDE TENER DERECHOS ESPECIALES O ASISTENCIA EN RELACION CON ESTA DEMANDA BAJO LA LEY FEDERAL, INCLUYENDO LA LEY DE ALIVIO CIVIL A MIEMBROS DEL SERVICIO (50 U.S.C. APP. SECCION 501 Y SS.), O LA LEY DEL ESTADO, INCLUIDA LA SECCION 92.017 DEL CODIGO DE LA PROPIEDAD EN TEXAS. LLAME AL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE TEXAS (STATE BAR OF TEXAS), LLAMADA GRATUITA AL 1-877-9TEXBAR SI USTED NECESITA AYUDA PARA LOCALIZAR A UN ABOGADO. SI NO ESTÁ A SU ALCANCE CONTRATAR A UN ABOGADO, USTED PUDIERA SER ELEGIBLE PARA ASESORIA LEGAL GRATUITA O DE BAJO COSTO.

#### TEMPORARY HALT IN RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS TO PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control issued an order stopping some evictions. You may be able to stop your eviction if you sign the attached 'Declaration under Penalty of Perjury for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Temporary Halt in Evictions to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19' and give a copy to your landlord and the court. Before signing the Declaration, read it carefully and make sure all the statements are true. The Declaration is sworn, meaning you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if any of the statements are not true. Find out more about the order at <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/cdc-eviction-moratorium>.

#### PARO TEMPORAL EN DESALOJOS RESIDENCIALES PARA EVITAR UNA MAYOR PROPAGACION DEL COVID-19

Los Centros de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades han emitido una orden para impedir ciertos desalojos de inquilinos. Es posible que usted pueda evitar su desalojo si llena el formulario adjunto titulado 'Declaración Bajo Pena de Perjurio para la Suspensión Temporal de Desalojos de los Centros de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades para Prevenir una Mayor Propagación de COVID-



19,' y le entrega una copia del formulario al propietario y presenta otra copia ante tribunales. Antes de firmar la declaración, debe leerla cuidadosamente y asegurarse que toda la información declarada es cierta. Esta declaración se firma bajo juramento, lo que significa que se le puede imponer cargos penales, encarcelar o multar si la información declarada no es cierta. Para mayor información sobre esta orden, visite el siguiente enlace, <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/cdc-eviction-moratorium>.

ISSUED AND SIGNED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

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### SERVICEMEMBER'S CIVIL RELIEF ACT AFFIDAVIT

**Instructions:** The Servicemember's Civil Relief Act applies to a civil proceeding in the Justice Courts. Before entering a default judgment against an individual defendant, the plaintiff must file with the court an affidavit stating whether or not the defendant is in military service, showing necessary facts to support the affidavit, or stating that the plaintiff is unable to determine whether or not the defendant is in military service, if that is the case. The requirement for an affidavit may be satisfied by a written, signed document declared to be true under penalty of perjury. If it appears that the defendant is in military service, the court may not enter a judgment until after the court appoints an attorney to represent the defendant. If the court is unable to determine if the defendant is in military service, the court may require the plaintiff to file a bond in an amount approved by the court. To obtain certificates of service or non-service under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, you may access the public website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/applj/scra/scraHome.do>. This website will provide the current active military status of an individual.

Plaintiff being duly sworn under oath swears that Defendant is: *(check one)*

- ☐ not on active duty in the military
- ☐ on active military duty and/or is subject to the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act of 2003
- ☐ has waived in writing his/her rights under the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act of 2003
- ☐ military status is unknown at this time

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLAINTIFF

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT OR NOTARY

*\*Penalty for making or using false affidavit – a person who makes or uses an affidavit knowing it to be false, shall be fined as provided in Title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than one year or both.*