

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA  
[insert county in which rental property is located]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert name of Landlord]

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert case number assigned by  
Clerk of the Court]

Plaintiff,

vs.

**EVICTION SUMMONS - RESIDENTIAL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[insert name of Tenant]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name,  
address, and phone number of Tenant].

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

You are being sued by \_\_\_\_\_ [insert Landlord's name] to  
require you to move out of the property located at \_\_\_\_\_ for the reasons given in the  
attached complaint.

You are entitled to a trial to decide whether you can be required to move, but you **MUST** do ALL of the  
things listed below. You must do them within 5 days (not including Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays) after the  
date these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home.

THE THINGS YOU MUST DO TO CHALLENGE THE EVICTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Write down the reason(s) why you think you should not be forced to move. The written reason(s)  
must be given to the Court Clerk at \_\_\_\_\_ [insert address of courthouse].

2. Mail or take a copy of your written reason(s) to: \_\_\_\_\_  
[insert Landlord's name and address].

3. Give the Court Clerk the rent that is due. You **MUST** pay the Clerk the rent each time it becomes  
due until the lawsuit is over. Whether you win or lose the lawsuit, the Judge may pay this rent to the Landlord. [By  
statute, public housing tenants or tenants receiving rent subsidies shall be required to deposit only that portion of the  
full rent for which the tenant is responsible pursuant to federal, state, or local program in which they are  
participating.]

4. If you and the Landlord do not agree on the amount of rent owed, you must file a written request  
(motion) which asks the Judge to decide how much money you must give to the Court Clerk. The written request  
must be filed with your answer to the Eviction Complaint. A copy of your motion must also be mailed or hand  
delivered to the plaintiff(s) attorney, or if the Plaintiff(s) has no attorney, to the Plaintiff.

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IF YOU DO NOT DO ALL OF THESE THINGS WITHIN 5 DAYS (NOT INCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR YOUR COURTHOUSE) YOU MAY BE EVICTED WITHOUT A HEARING OR FURTHER NOTICE.

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA:  
TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE:

You are commanded to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named Defendant.

DATED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Clerk of the Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Clerk's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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