

**IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

_____ Case Number: _____
_____ Division: _____

Plaintiff(s)

vs

Defendant(s)

EVICTION SUMMONS/RESIDENTIAL

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.

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. (You may use Florida Supreme Court Form 1.947(b), Answer-Residential Eviction, to do this.) The written reason(s) must be given to the clerk of the court at the Customer Service Center, 20 North Main St., Room 165, Brooksville, Florida 34601, OR 7405 Forest Oaks Boulevard Spring Hill, Florida 34606.

2. Mail or take a copy of your written reason(s) to (insert landlord's name and address):

Landlord's Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

3. Pay the clerk of the court the rent that is due. You MUST pay the clerk of the court the rent each time it becomes due until the lawsuit is over. Whether you win or lose the lawsuit, the judge may release this rent to the landlord. [By statute, public housing tenants or tenants receiving rent subsidies must be required to pay only that portion of the full rent for which the tenant is responsible under the federal, state, or local program in which they are participating.] **NO CHECKS ACCEPTED. MONIES DEPOSITED INTO THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT MUST BE IN THE FORM OF CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. A CLERK'S FEE OF 3% ON THE FIRST \$500.00, AND 1 1/2% ON EACH SUBSEQUENT \$100.00 MUST BE PAID IN ADDITION TO THE MONIES DEPOSITED.**

4. If you and the landlord do not agree on the amount of rent owed, you must file a written request (motion) that asks the judge to decide how much money you must pay to the clerk of the court. 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.

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.

ACTION FOR BACK RENT OR OTHER DAMAGES

5. Each defendant is further required to serve written defenses to the demand for back rent or any other damages alleged in the complaint on the landlord within 20 days after service of this summons on the defendant, exclusive of the day of service, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of the court either before service on the landlord or thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against the defendant for the relief demanded in that portion of the complaint.

You may want to call a lawyer right away. If you do not know a lawyer, you can contact the Lawyer Referral Service on The Florida Bar's website. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be eligible for free legal aid. You can locate legal aid by searching for "legal aid" on The Florida Bar's website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Hernando County Courthouse, 20 North Main Street Brooksville, Florida 34601, Telephone (352) 754-4402, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days: if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

**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 ____.

Doug Chorvat Jr.,
Clerk of the Court
By: _____
As Deputy Clerk
20 North Main Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A COPY OF THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS CAUSE WAS SENT BY FIRST CLASS MAIL TO THE PREMISES INVOLVED IN THE PROCEEDING TO THE DEFENDANT(S) IN THIS CAUSE ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, _____.
AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 48.183, FLORIDA STATUTES.

By: _____
As Deputy Clerk

THE COUNTY COURT DOES NOT PROVIDE INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLATORS, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING YOUR OWN INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLATORS.

LA CORTE DEL CONDADO NO PROVEE INTERPRETES O TRADUCTORES, USTED ES RESPONSABLE DE PROVEER SU PROPIO INTERPRETE O TRADUCTOR.

TRIBINALE KONTA A PA BAY ENTÈPRÈT OSWA TRANSLATOR, OU SE RESPONSAB POU FOUNI PWÒP ENTÈPRÈT OSWA TRANSLATOR OU.