

**IN THE COUNTY COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

EVICITION SUMMONS – RESIDENTIAL

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. _____

TO: _____
 Defendant(s)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

You are being sued by _____ to require you to move out of the place where you are living for the reasons given in the attached complaint.

You are entitled to a trial to determine 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 any legal holiday) 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 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 Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller at Citrus County Courthouse, 110 No. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, 34450.
- (2) Mail or give a copy of your written reasons to Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney:

- (3) Pay to the Clerk of the Court the amount of rent that the attached complaint claims to be due and any rent that becomes due until the lawsuit is over. If you believe that the amount claimed in the complaint is incorrect, you should file with the Clerk of the Court a motion to have the court determine the amount to be paid. If you file a motion, you must attach to the motion any documents supporting your position and mail or give a copy of the motion to the Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney. Failure to strictly abide by the provisions of this paragraph may result in possession awarded to the Plaintiff.

- (4) If you file a motion to have the court determine the amount of rent to be paid to the Clerk the of Court, you must immediately contact the office of the judge to whom the case is assigned to schedule a hearing to decide what amount should be paid to the Clerk of the Court while the lawsuit is pending.

IF YOU DO NOT DO ALL OF THE THINGS SPECIFIED ABOVE WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THESE PAPERS WERE GIVEN TO YOU OR TO A PERSON WHO LIVES WITH YOU OR WERE POSTED AT YOUR HOME, YOU MAYBE EVICTED WITHOUT A HEARING OR FURTHER NOTICE.

- (5) If the attached complaint also contains a claim for money damages (such as unpaid rent), you must respond to that claim separately. You must write down the reasons why you believe that you do not owe money claimed. The written reasons must be given to the Clerk of the Court at the address specified in paragraph (1) above, and you must mail or give a copy of your written reasons to the Plaintiff/Plaintiff's attorney at the address specified in paragraph (2) above. This must be done within 20 days after the date these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home. This obligation is separate from the requirement of answering the claim for eviction within 5 working days after these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home.

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 _____.

ANGELA VICK
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By _____
As Deputy Clerk

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, TELEPHONE (352) 341-6700, CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS SUMMONS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.