

Cause Number:

Name of Plaintiff/Tenant

In the (Check one)

Justice Court

County Court /
Court at Law

(Court Number)

v.

Name of Defendant/Landlord

(County)

County

PLAINTIFF/TENANT'S PETITION FOR RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

① COMPLAINT: Plaintiff/Tenant files this petition against the above-named Defendant/Landlord pursuant to Section 92.109 of the Texas Property Code because the Defendant/Landlord failed to return the security deposit, **and/or** made improper deductions from the security deposit, **and/or** failed to provide a written description and itemized list of damages and charges.

② PARTIES IN THIS CASE:

My name is: _____
Print full name of Plaintiff/Tenant

The Defendant/Landlord in this case is: _____
Print full name of Landlord/Defendant

③ SERVICE OF CITATION (where the lawsuit will be served):

The Defendant/Landlord's address:

Business Address & Unit No. (if any) City County State Zip

Phone (if known)

If necessary, I request alternative service under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 501.2(e).

④ FACTS

I rented the property located at _____
Print complete address of rental unit

I gave the Defendant/Landlord a security deposit in the amount of \$_____.

I moved out of the property and provided Defendant/Landlord a forwarding address, in writing, at least thirty (30) days before filing this lawsuit.

The Defendant/Landlord (*check and complete all that apply*):

- did not return the security deposit in the amount of: \$_____.
- improperly withheld a portion of the security deposit in the amount of: \$_____.
- did not provide a written description and itemized list of damages and charges within 30 days after I 1) moved out of the property **and** 2) provided a forwarding address.

OTHER FACTS. The Court should also be aware of the following:

⑤ VIOLATIONS

The Defendant/Landlord acted in bad faith and is liable to me for failing to return the security deposit, and/or making improper deductions, and/or failing to provide a written itemization of deductions as required by the Texas Property Code.

⑥ REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I respectfully request that this Court grant me the following (Texas Property Code Section 92.109):

- a. A civil penalty of \$100;
- b. Three times the amount of the security deposit wrongfully withheld;
- c. Court costs;
- d. Any other relief to which I am entitled.

Respectfully submitted:



Your Signature

Your Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number