TENANT EVICTION PACKET FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT ONLY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

(THIS PACKET DOES NOT APPLY TO MOBILE HOME PARKS.)

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THIS EVICTION PACKET IS FOR FILING BY AN OWNER OR THEIR ATTORNEY.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

IF NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED AND PARTIES NOT PROPERLY SERVED, YOUR CASE MAY BE DISMISSED OR YOU MAY NOT OBTAIN YOUR FINAL JUDGMENT.

This Eviction Packet may be used for evictions of mobile home and lot or the lot only so long as the property is not in a mobile home park of ten or more lots/spaces.

The **Filing Fee** for an eviction is \$185.00 plus an additional \$10.00 per summons per person payable in check to **NADIA K. DAUGHTREY**, **Clerk of Courts.**

A THREE DAY NOTICE TO PAY RENT OR VACATE must be completed. Make a copy of the Notice for yourself and serve the original to the Defendant or post it at the location of the subject property. Once you have given the person the Notice, he/she has **three** (3) **full days**, excluding weekends and legal holidays, to pay the rent. (For example, if the notice was given on Friday, skip Saturday and Sunday and begin counting on Monday, three (3) days.) If the tenant(s) has not moved or paid the rent after the three (3) daytime limit, make a copy of the Three Day Notice for the court file to be submitted with the remaining forms.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE THREE DAY NOTICE HAVE THE LANDLORD'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER WITHIN IT. IF IT DOES NOT, <u>YOUR CASE WILL BE DISMISSED BY THE COURT.</u> IF YOU ONLY LIST A POST OFFICE BOX FOR LANDLORD'S ADDRESS YOU MUST ALLOW THE TENANT AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) DAYS FOR MAKING OF RENTAL PAYMENT.

FILING THE EVICTION: Using black ink, please complete the **NOTICE OF PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS and STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY.** Type or clearly print the addresses of the parties, then sign and date the form. This is to be filed in the court file.

Please complete the **COMPLAINT FOR TENANT EVICTION** – **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** (**NON-PAYMENT OF RENT**) by typing or clearly printing the addresses of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Sign the complaint before a notary public or a deputy clerk. **Make a copy of any written lease for the court file.** Make a copy of the Complaint, written lease, if any, and Three Day Notice for each Defendant and for your records.

Count I applies to possession of the property. The Clerk's office will prepare a **Summons** advising the tenant(s) to submit a written response, along with the money owed to the Clerk's office within five (5) days (not including the day of service, weekends, or holidays).

Enclosed is the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING you are to provide the Clerk for certifying that the Complaint and Summons were mailed to Defendant(s). Please complete the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING by typing or printing the addresses of the parties at the top and the Defendant's name and address in the body of the certificate. The Clerk is to immediately mail a copy of the summons and the copy of the complaint you provided by first class mail (you are to provide the stamped envelope). Service on the Defendant shall be effective on the date of posting or mailing, whichever occurs later. At least 5 days must elapse from the date of service before a judgment for final removal of the Defendant may be entered. If service is not completed as described above, a judgment for final removal of Defendant will not be entered by the Court.

If you are evicting a husband and wife, you will need a Summons issued for each of them and have the Sheriff's Office serve each of them.

You are to take the summons packet to the Sheriff's Office to have the Defendant(s) served. A service fee of \$40.00 per person is required by the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, payable directly to them. You will receive a copy of the Summons for your records from the Clerk's office at no charge.

If a written response and the back rent is deposited with the Clerk's office **OR** a written response with supporting documents is filed indicating back rent is not owed, a court date may be scheduled with the Court as soon as possible. Notification of the hearing date will be mailed to both parties. The Court will make the determination if the tenant should be made to move at the hearing.

If the tenant(s) fails to file a written response, complete the forms in the **Default Package for** Count I – Commercial Eviction and follow the directions in order to regain possession of the property.

If a Final Judgment for Possession is entered by the Court, the Clerk's office will prepare a **WRIT OF POSSESSION**. You will take the Writ of Possession, together with completed **INFORMATION ON AND DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT(S) TO GO WITH WRIT OF POSSESSION**, to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will require a service fee of \$90.00 for service. At this time, the tenant must leave the premises giving you back your property.

Count II applies to the back rent. The summons will instruct the tenant(s) to file a written response within twenty (20) days (including weekends and holidays).

If a response is filed, a hearing will be scheduled. Notification of the hearing date will be mailed to both parties.

If a response is **not** filed, complete the forms in the enclosed **Default Package for Count II** – **Commercial Eviction** and follow the directions in order to obtain a money judgment.

NOTICE

ALL PAPERWORK PROVIDED BY THIS OFFICE IS USED FOR 'PRO SE' LITIGANTS ONLY. 'PRO SE' MEANS THAT YOU ARE ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY. ACTING AS YOUR OWN ATTORNEY MAKES <u>YOU</u> RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES YOUR CASE FILE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COURT DATE OR NOTICE FROM THIS OFFICE OR THE JUDGE, IT IS UP TO YOU TO CONTACT THE JUDGE FOR A HEARING DATE.

THIS PACKET PREPARED BY:

HONORABLE GUY A. FLOWERS COUNTY COURT JUDGE DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 115 EAST OAK STREET ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266 HONORABLE NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURTS DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA 115 EAST OAK STREET ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266

THREE DAY NOTICE TO PAY RENT OR VACATE

TO: Tenant's Name			
	Street Address	Mailing Address	
FROM:	Landlord's Name		
DATE:			
	use of the premises at:	oted to me in the sum of \$ed by you and that I demand payme	
and legal holday of	ssession of the premises with idays) from the date of delivery, 20, (insert the session of the premises with idays).	nin three (3) days (excluding Saturdery of this notice, to-wit: on or before the date which is three days from the Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidate	day, Sunday, fore the e delivery of
Signature		Printed Name of Landlord/Prope	erty Owner
Address		City, State and Zip Code	
Telephone			
	PROOF	OF SERVICE	
served the T Tenant in pos On I han discre I post 20	Three Day Notice, of which is session in the manner(s) indicated the Notice to a personation at the tenant's residence and the Notice in a conspicuous	s of age, declare under penalty of parties is a true copy, on the above icated below: Indeed the Notice to the tenant. In of suitable age (over 15 years on, 20 The place at the tenant's residence on the suitable age.	of age) and
		Owner	

	- -
(Name and Address) Plaintiff(s),	-
VS.	CASE NO
	- -
(Name and Address) Defendant(s).	
NOTICE OF PE	RMANENT MAILING ADDRESS
I/We,hereby certify that my/our permanent mailin	
Phone:	
THE OPPOSING PARTY, AND ANY PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ME WITH	
	nre hearings in this case, and ments and papers pertaining to this case.
above address and that in the event personal be attempted to be served at the above lister address. I/We also understand that if I/We I/We must notify the Clerk of Court of maximilar to this form at the following addressing furnished to all parties:	and court papers in this case will be sent to me/us only at the l service of any court documents is necessary that they will first ad address unless and until I/We notify the court of my/our new change my/our permanent mailing address or residence address, my/our new address in writing by completion of another form sess within one week of the change of address and with a copy
	COF COURT County Civil
	st Oak Street a, Florida 34266
I/We have read this document an Court informed of any change in my/our documents and notice of all future hearings	d I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to keep the current address. I/We understand that copies of any court which are mailed to my/our current address set forth herein will ne Court may proceed on all matters noticed and mailed to the
Dated:	Signature

	- -
Name and Address, Plaintiff(s),	_
vs.	CASE NO
	- -
Name and Address, Defendant(s).	_
	T OF RESPONSIBILITY rd - Tenant Action
1. This case is being filed in the C of Florida, Chapter 83 Florida Statutes	ed the following matters and acknowledge that: County Court under the Landlord and Tenant Law and as set forth in Chapter 51. That the conduct the rules of procedure and laws of Florida which
2. The naming of proper parties responsibility for naming the proper pla	s is an important element of the case and the aintiff(s) and defendant(s) in this case is mine. hing of a correct address or location at which the
4. I assume responsibility as to my	y right to file this case for myself or for the named tiff is a corporation that such plaintiff may be

- required to be represented by an attorney.

 5. I do not expect the Clerk who receives and files this claim to give me legal advice as to how to prosecute this case and acknowledge that the Clerk is not acting as my attorney or legal advisor.
- 6. I am solely responsible for the collection of any judgment entered in my favor.

Dated:		
	Signature	

Name and Address Plaintiff(s),
vs. CASE NO
Name and Address Defendant(s).
COMPLAINT FOR TENANT EVICTION – COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (Non-Payment of Rent)
<u>COUNT I</u>
Plaintiff sues defendant and alleges:
1. This is an action to evict a tenant from real property in DeSoto County, Florida. This is not a mobile home in a park of ten or more lots/spaces.
2. Plaintiff(s) owns the following-described real property in DeSoto County, to-wit:
3. That the Defendant(s) name is: and Defendant's relationship to Plaintiff is as tenant under (Check one) oral written agreement (copy attached) to pay rent of \$ per
4. The agreement to pay rent (check one) does does not apply to a mobile home.
5. Defendant(s) failed to pay rent due on, 20
6. Plaintiff(s) served defendant(s) with a notice on
7. Plaintiff(s) (Check one) has has not received any payment since the Notice was delivered.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) demands judgment for possession of the property against defendant(s).

COUNT II

Plaintiff(s) sue(s) defendant(s) and alleges:	
1. This is an action for past due rent.	
past due for rent for the period of	(s) \$, payable in money, for, plus ime of the hearing for damages, together with sical damages.
WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) demand(s) judg	ment for damages against defendant(s).
	Signature of Plaintiff Address Telephone:
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF	
	by, who is,

Notary Public or Deputy Clerk

Plaintiff(s), vs. CASE NO. ______ Defendant(s). EVICTION SUMMONS/NON-RESIDENTIAL TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA: YOU ARE COMMANDED to serve this SUMMONS and a copy of the COMPLAINT in the above styled cause upon the DEFENDANT(S): whose name(s) and address is: TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE REQUIRED to mail or deliver the original of your WRITTEN ANSWER AND DEFENSES to the attached COMPLAINT to the CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT, 115 E. Oak St., Arcadia, Florida 34266, AND a copy to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

PERSONAL SERVICE: IF THIS SUMMONS and a copy of the **COMPLAINT** have been personally served upon you or upon anyone residing at your residence who is 15 years of age or older, your **WRITTEN ANSWER AND DEFENSE MUST** be received by the **CLERK** within **5 WORKING DAYS** of service as to the claim for possession of the premises **AND** within **20 DAYS** as to the claim for arrears in rent (or other claims for money damages).

POSTED-MAIL SERVICE: IF THIS SUMMONS and a copy of the COMPLAINT have been attached to a conspicuous place on your residence or you received it in the mail, your WRITTEN ANSWERS AND DEFENSES MUST be received within 5 WORKING DAYS of the date the Clerk mailed a copy to you OR the date it was attached to some conspicuous place on the property described in the COMPLAINT, WHICHEVER OCCURRED LATER. The date of mailing is the date noted below in the Clerk's Certificate and the date of posting is the date noted thereon by the Process Server. If claim is for possession of real property, the tenant shall pay into the court registry the amount alleged in the COMPLAINT as unpaid, or if such amount is

contested, such amount as is determined by the court, and any rent accruing during the pendency of the action, when due, unless the tenant has interposed the defense of payment or satisfaction of the rent in the amount the **COMPLAINT** alleges as unpaid.

IF YOU FAIL TO ACT according to these instructions, a **DEFAULT** may be entered against you and a **JUDGMENT FOR EVICTION AND/OR MONEY DAMAGES PLUS REASONABLE COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES may be entered without further notice to you.**

without further notice to you.		
Witness my hand and the seal of this Co	ourt on the day of	, 20
	NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF THE COURT 115 E. Oak St. Arcadia, Florida 34266	
	By:	

Plaintiff	
Vs.	Case No
Defendant	
CERTIFIC	ATE OF MAILING
pursuant to Florida Statutes 48.18	k of the County Court, do hereby certify that 3, the landlord has provided the Clerk of the and pre-stamped envelopes addressed to the mailed to:
	g of this Certificate of Mailing has been properly opies of the summons and complaint were
occurs later; and at least 5 days from	n the date of posting or mailing, whichever om the date of service must have elapsed Il of the defendant may be entered.
Dated on:	
	Nadia K. Daughtrey Clerk of the Court Desoto County, Florida
	By:
	Deputy Clerk

Attachment "A"

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO/MANATEE/SARASOTA COUNTY, FL

	,
Plaintiff/Landlord	
v.	
	Case No.:
Defendant/Tenant	
CONSENT TO CASE O	CLOSURE AFTER 90 DAYS OF INACTIVITY
Plaintiff/Landlord does her	eby consent to the closure of this case upon 90 days of
inactivity.	
by U.S. Mail, email service, or init	and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished ial service of process to the above-named ess:
Dated this day of	
	Plaintiff/Landlord

DEFAULT PACKAGE FOR COUNT I COMMERCIAL EVICTION

(POSSESSION)

Motion for Clerk's Default - Commercial Eviction (Count I)

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Present the form to the Clerk's office and a deputy clerk will verify that a response has not been filed within the five (5) daytime limit. If a response has not been filed, the Clerk will enter the Default - Commercial Eviction.

Affidavit in Proof of Claim and Non-Military Service (Count I)

Type or clearly print names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Please sign this form before a notary public or a deputy clerk.

Motion for Final Judgment for Possession - Commercial Eviction (Count I)

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Present the form to the Clerk's office.

If the Court signs the Final Judgment of Possession – Commercial Eviction (Count I), the Clerk's office will issue a **WRIT OF POSSESSION**. Please complete the **INFORMATION ON AND DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT(S) TO GO WITH WRIT OF POSSESSION** for use by the Sheriff's Department. You may then deliver the Writ of Possession to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office for service. A payment of \$90.00 must be made payable to the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office for service of the Writ of Possession. The Sheriff's Office will serve the Writ of Possession indicating the tenant has twenty-four (24) hours to evacuate the premises, not including weekends or holidays. The Sheriff's office will contact the plaintiff to arrange a date and time to evict the tenant.

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). **MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT -COMMERCIAL EVICTION** (COUNT I) Plaintiff asks the clerk to enter a default against _____ Defendant(s), for failing to respond as required by law to Plaintiff's complaint for commercial eviction. Plaintiff's signature Address Phone: _____ **DEFAULT - COMMERCIAL EVICTION** A default is entered in this action for eviction against the Defendant(s) for failure to respond as required by law. Dated: _____ **NADIA K. DAUGHTREY** CLERK OF COURT

BY: __

Deputy Clerk

		
Plaintiff(s),		
vs.	CASE NO	
Defendant(s).		
AFFIDAVIT IN PROOF OF CLAIM AND NON-MILITARY SERVICE – COMMERCIAL EVICTION (COUNT I)		
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO.		
	authority, personally appeared	
, who being duly		
	ndlord of rented premises located in DeSoto County,	
2. That Defendant(s) _	·	
per [] week, [] month, [] other	e Landlord agreeing to pay the rent of \$	
3. The Defendant(s) fai	led to pay the rent due on,	
	day of, 20, served a three (3) day	
notice demanding payment of the re-	nt or possession of the premises. led to comply with either of the demands of the notice	
within the applicable time period.	ed to comply with either of the demands of the notice	
11 1	we(s) the Landlord \$ for past-due	
rents as of the date of this affidavit.	•	
6. In addition, the Land	lord has paid a filing fee in the amount of \$	
and a service of process fee in the ar		
	iling of this affidavit the Defendant(s) are indebted to	
	which amount is comprised of past due	
rents and fees.		
	are not now nor has/have been in the military service	
of the United States of America sinc	e the institution of this action.	
	Landlord	

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO.

The foregoing instrument was acknow	ledged before me this day of
, 20, by	<i>,</i>
who is personally known to me or who has pro	oduced
as identification and who [] did [] did not	take an oath.
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N	lotary public or deputy clerk

Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). MOTION FOR FINAL JUDGMENT FOR POSSESSION -**COMMERCIAL EVICTION (COUNT I)** Plaintiff(s) asks the court to enter a Final Judgment for Possession against the Defendant(s) for commercial eviction and says: Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging grounds for commercial eviction of Defendant(s). A Default was entered by the Clerk of Court on ______. 2. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this court to enter a Final Judgment for Possession against Defendant(s). Dated:

Plaintiff's signature

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLOIRDA

DEFAULT PACKAGE FOR COUNT II COMMERCIAL EVICTION

(BACK RENT)

Motion for Clerk's Default - Damages (Commercial Eviction) - Count II

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Present the form to the Clerk's office and a clerk will verify if a response has been filed or not within the twenty (20) daytime limit. If a response has not been filed, the Clerk will enter the Default - Damages.

Affidavit of Proof of Landlord's Claim for Past Due Rent – Commercial Eviction (Count II)

Type or clearly print the names of the parties and fill in the appropriate blank lines. Attach an itemized list of the damages. Please sign before a notary public or deputy clerk, then present to the Clerk's office.

Motion for Default Final Judgment for Commercial Eviction - Damages (Count II)

Type or clearly print the names of the parties in the appropriate blank lines. Present the Motion to the Clerk's office.

If the Court signs the Final Judgment for Back Rent - Count II, the Court will mail copies to you.

Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). **MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT - DAMAGES** (COMMERCIAL EVICTION) **COUNT II** Plaintiff asks the clerk to enter a default against _____ the Defendant(s), for damages for failing to respond as required by law to plaintiff's complaint for damages. Dated: _____ Plaintiff's signature Address Phone: **DEFAULT FOR COMMERCIAL EVICTION - DAMAGES** A default is entered in this action against the Defendant(s) for damages for failure to respond as required by law. Dated: _____ NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURT

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Plaintiff(s),	_
vs.	CASE NO
	_ _
Defendant(s).	_
	NDLORD'S CLAIM FOR PAST DUE RENT – AL EVICTION (COUNT II)
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DESOTO.	
Before me, the undersigned a, who being dul	authority, personally appearedy sworn, deposes and says:
	owner [] landlord of the property involved in this alted in the lease agreement by failing to make rental
2. The rent was \$	per [] week [] month [] other.
3. Defendant(s) owe(s) \$ to	to Plaintiff for the period from being (number) full [] weeks
months and (number) days.	being (number) full [] weeks ys at \$ per day, plus late charges, if any, of
4. Plaintiff holds a security \$	ty deposit from the Defendant(s) in the amount of
	S: AMOUNT OWED \$ AMOUNT CREDITED \$ ET BALANCE OWED \$

Further affiant sayeth not.

	Signature and Title
STATE OF FLORIDA,	
COUNTY OF DESOTO.	was acknowledged before me this day of
	was acknowledged before the this day of, who is personally known to me or
who has produced	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
not take an oath.	
	Notary Public or deputy clerk

Plaintiff(s), CASE NO. _____ VS. Defendant(s). **MOTION FOR FINAL JUDGMENT - DAMAGES** (COMMERCIAL EVICTION) **COUNT II** Plaintiff asks the court to enter a Default Final Judgment against _____ _____ Defendant(s), for damages, and says: 1. Plaintiff filed a complaint for damages against the Defendant(s). Defendant(s) has failed to timely file an answer and a Default has been entered by the Clerk of Court on _____. In support of this Motion, Plaintiff submits the attached Affidavit in Proof of Landlord's Claim for Past Due Rent. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this Court to enter a Default Final Judgment Commercial Eviction - Damages Count II against Defendant(s). Dated: _____

Plaintiff's signature

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Name and Address) Plaintiff(s),	· ·
vs.	CASE NO
	-
(Name and Address) Defendant(s).	
TO GO WI	ND DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT(S) TH WRIT OF POSSESSION riff's Department for purposes of identification)
	place of employment:
Address of employment:	
Height: Weight: Distinguishing marks and/or scars:	efendant: Female Date of Birth or Age: Eye Color: Hair Color: nicknames):
	lace of employment:
Address of employment:	
Height: Weight: Distinguishing marks and/or scars:	Female Date of Birth or Age: Eye Color: Hair Color:
Other names Defendant goes by (aliases or	nicknames):
DATED:	Signature of Landlord/Plaintiff
	Address Phone: