

# ANSWER FORM TO LANDLORD'S EVICTION PETITION

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Landlord-Plaintiff.

**ANSWER**

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Tenant-Defendant.

File No.:

For my answer to the landlord's unlawful detainer (eviction) case, I state the following defenses:

**A. TYPE OF TENANCY OR OCCUPANCY**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Private term lease.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Private month-to-month or periodic tenancy.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile home park lot rental.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Foreclosed mortgage or canceled contract for deed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

**B. THE PAPERS WERE NOT SERVED/FILED PROPERLY (Minn. Stat. §566.06):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I did not get the Court papers at least 7 days before the court date.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord-Plaintiff delivered the Court papers (M.R.C.P. 4.02).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court papers were not handed to me, but were given to \_\_\_\_\_, who does not live with me, or is only \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court papers were mailed to me and posted on the door, but I have been in the County and could have been found to get the papers.

**C. THIS LANDLORD DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BRING ME TO COURT:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I did not know the names and addresses of the owner or manager of my apartment at least 30 days before the landlord filed this case (Minn. Stat. §504.22).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord did not register a trade name with the Secretary of State. My landlord owes me \$250.00 (Minn. Stat. §333.06).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord failed to state in the court papers why I have done wrong with enough detail so I can defend myself. (Minn. Stat §566.05; Minn.R. Gen Prac. 603.)

**D. NON-PAYMENT OF RENT CASES:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have paid the rent.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I withheld my rent because my landlord has not made the following repairs: \_\_\_\_\_  
I can pay into Court the amount of rent claimed. I also request that the Court reduce the rent claimed by \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Fritz v. Warthen, 298 Minn. 54, 213 N.W.2d 339 (1973)).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord raised my rent without giving proper notice as required in the lease, or written notice at least one month before the increase. I can pay into Court the amount of rent before the increase (Minn. Stat. §504.06).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord raised my rent because I made complaints to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. I can pay into Court the amount of rent before the increase (Minn. Stat. §566.03(3)).
5. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord is charging an improper late fee that is a penalty.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I live in a mobile home park lot. The landlord did not give me 10 days written notice before filing this case. (Minn. Stat. §327C.09 (2)).

**E. NOTICE TO MOVE OUT CASES:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord did not give me proper notice.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord asked me to move because I made complaints to \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (Minn. Stat. §566.03(2)).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord waived the notice by taking my rent after the move out date.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I live in a mobile home park lot. The landlord did not give me proper written notice. (Minn. Stat. §327C.09.)

**F. BROKEN LEASE CASES:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I deny that I have broken my lease.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ My lease does not say that my landlord can "re-enter" or evict me for breaking the lease. (Bauer v. Knoble, 51 Minn. 358, 53 N.W.2d 805 (1892)).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ My landlord waived any lease violations by taking my rent after the time she/he said I broke the lease.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I live in a mobile home park lot. The landlord did not give me proper written notice. (Minn. Stat. § 327C.09.)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a disability. Landlord-Plaintiff did not reasonably accommodate my disability. (42 U.S.C. § 3604(f)(3); 24 C.F.R. Part 100.)

**G. OTHER:**

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**H. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Deny Landlord-Plaintiff's request to evict me.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce (abate) the rent claimed by Landlord-Plaintiff by \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce (abate) the future rent by \$\_\_\_\_\_ to \$\_\_\_\_\_ until Landlord-Plaintiff completes repairs.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Order Landlord-Plaintiff to provide for discovery of Landlord-Plaintiff's file on me, that is, to show me any papers or other information she/he has about me, give me a list of witness and what they will say in their testimony, and any evidence Landlord-Plaintiff has. Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 612.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Continue the hearing for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ If I owe rent, give me \_\_\_\_\_ days to pay it. 614 Co. v. D.H. Overmayer, 297 Minn. 395, 398, 211 N.W.2d 891, 893 (1973).
7. \_\_\_\_\_ If I lose, give me seven days to move. Minn. Stat. § 566.09.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ If I lose, give me 60 days to try to sell my mobile home. Minn. Stat. § 327C.11, subd. 4.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Do not award costs to Landlord-Plaintiff.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the Tenant-Defendant, acknowledge that the court may award costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees to Landlord-Plaintiff, if Tenant-Defendant acts in bad faith, asserts a defense that is frivolous and costly to Landlord-Plaintiff, asserts an unfounded position solely to delay the ordinary course of the proceedings or to harass Landlord-Plaintiff, or commits a fraud upon the court.

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Date

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Tenant-Defendant