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DO NOT sign it if you want to know what will be ordered in your case. You can waive service of process, but keep your legal rights by filing an *Answer*, instead. You can find an *Answer* form in the family law section of www.TexasLawhelp.org.

(Print court information exactly as it appears on your Petition)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

Petitioner (Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for divorce.)

and

Respondent (Print first, middle, and last name of other spouse.)

Cause No:

In the (check one):

District Court County Court of:

_____ court number

_____ County, Texas

Names of the children of this marriage who are under 18:

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Waiver of Service

Instructions to Petitioner:

Give your spouse the following documents and ask him/her to follow the *Instructions to Respondent*.

- A copy of your *Petition for Divorce* that has already been filed in the clerk's office and shows the official court stamp.
- A blank copy of this form.
- After your spouse signs and notarizes the Waiver, file it in the clerk's office. Keep a copy for your records.

Instructions to Respondent:

- Read the Warning at the top of this form. Talk to a lawyer if you don't understand it.
- If you decide you want to continue, fill out this form. – *Do not sign until you are in front of the notary!*
- Take this form and a **filed** copy of the *Petition for Divorce* to a notary. (The filed copy has an official court stamp and date in the upper left corner.)
- Sign the form in front of the notary, and give it to your spouse. Your spouse will file it in the clerk's office.
- If you feel uncomfortable signing this form, don't sign it. Consider filing an *Answer* instead. Talk to a lawyer about your rights in a divorce.

Respondent's Personal Information

1. My name is: _____
First Middle Last

2. My home address is: _____
street address city state zip

3. **Name Change** (Check only one.):

- I am NOT asking the court to change my name.
- I ask the Court to change my name back to the name I had before my marriage (list below):

First Middle Last

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4. Global Waiver

I agree that the court can make decisions in this case without further notice to me.

5. The Respondent swears under oath:

“My spouse gave me this form and a filed copy of the *Petition for Divorce* with the same cause number as the cause number on this form. I have read the *Petition for Divorce* and understand what it says.

“I do not want a peace officer or process server to give me another copy of the *Petition for Divorce*. I waive my right to the issuance and service of citation in this case.

“I understand that by signing this form I am entering an appearance, and it is a substitute for going to Court and telling the Court my side of the case. I do not want testimony in this divorce recorded. And, I agree that a Judge, Associate Judge, or appointed Referee of the Court may make decisions about my divorce, even if the divorce should have been filed in another county or state.

“I give up all rights, privileges, and exemptions I may have under the Soldier’s and Sailor’s Civil Relief Act, including having a lawyer appointed to represent me in this case.”

“I agree that the court can make decisions in this case without further notice to me.”



(Respondent signs here in front of a notary.)

Notary fills out below

State of Texas, County of _____
(Print the name of county where this statement is notarized.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this date: _____

By *(Print Notary’s name)*: _____, Notary Public, State of Texas

(Notary’s seal here)



Notary’s signature