## CLAIM AFFIDAVIT

(See Instructions on Reverse Side)

County, North Dakota			Case No	
Full Name of Person(s) Filing Claim (PLAINTIFF(S)				
Address	City		State	Zip Code
ecupation			Telephone Number	
Full Name of Person(s) You are Suing (DEFENDANT(S)				
Address	City		State	Zip Code
Occupation	<b>'</b>		Telephone Number	
		(Att	ach additional sh	neet if necessary
Subscribed and sworn to before me this				
day of		Plaintiff's Signature		
Clerk or Notary Public				
County, North Dakota				
If notary, my commission expires:	_			
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## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: REQUEST FOR HEARING/ REMOVAL TO DISTRICT COURT

If you, the Defendant, intend to contest this claim and request a hearing in small claims court, or request removal of this case to District Court, you must file your REQUEST FOR HEARING/REMOVAL TO DISTRICT COURT (Form 3) with the Clerk of District Court within 20 days of receipt of this Claim Affidavit.

## FORM 2 – INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PERSON WISHING TO FILE A CLAIM

STEP ONE: First complete the "CLAIM AFFIDAVIT" (on the reverse side of this page).

You must have the full name and address of each person you sue. After you have completed your CLAIM AFFIDAVIT you should sign it before a Clerk of the Court or a Notary Public.

Fill out, sign, and have notarized an "Affidavit of Identification" (FORM 8) for each Defendant in the case.

STEP TWO: Return the Claim Affidavit to the Clerk of District Court. You must file the Claim Affidavit and pay the \$10.00 filing fee BEFORE serving the Defendant.

STEP THREE: You must now SERVE the Defendant with the following forms:

One copy of FORM 1 - Small Claims Court Information.

One copy of FORM 2 - Claim Affidavit.

All copies of FORM 3 - Request for Hearing/Removal to District Court.

All copies of FORM 4 – Defendant's Answer and Counterclaim.

One copy of FORM 5 - Affidavit of Mailing for Counterclaim.

One copy of FORM 7 - North Dakota Small Claims Court Act.

<u>NOTE</u>: If you are filing a claim against more than one Defendant, you must serve <u>each</u> Defendant with the above copies.

The back of FORM 6 has your instructions on how to serve the Defendant.

STEP FOUR:

You must next complete the "AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE" (FORM 6). Fill out the appropriate section of FORM 6 and have the person mailing to or serving the Defendant sign the form in front of a Clerk of Court or Notary Public. If you mail the forms to the defendant by certified return receipt mail, YOU MUST file the Affidavit of Service and the signed, green return receipt card with the Clerk of District Court AS SOON as you receive the green card from the post office.

If the sheriff serves the papers, the sheriff will provide you with a completed Affidavit of Service and Form 6 may be discarded. You must file the sheriff's affidavit with the Clerk of District Court as soon as you receive it from the sheriff's department.

STEP FIVE:

If the defendant requests a hearing in small claims court on this claim, the court will schedule the hearing not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days after receiving the defendant's request. The court will send notice to you of the hearing date. At the time set for the hearing you MUST COME TO COURT. If you fail to appear your claim may be dismissed, and you may be prohibited from bringing it up again.