

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

_____	§	IN THE JUSTICE COURT
PLAINTIFF	§	
	§	
v.	§	PRECINCT _____
	§	
_____	§	
DEFENDANT	§	_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

### DEFENDANT'S ANSWER - DEBT CLAIM CASE

- I. **General Denial:** My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I generally deny each and every allegation that Plaintiff has made and demand that all allegations be proven. (*The Plaintiff is the person/creditor suing you.*)
- II. **Additional Pleas and Affirmative Defenses:** (*Check any box that applies*):
- I understand that I do not need to provide any information other than my name in the above General Denial section, but would still like to provide the following additional information to the court:**

**I do not owe this debt because:**

**A. Affirmative Defenses:**

Bankruptcy

- ☐ This debt was discharged in bankruptcy or is part of a current bankruptcy case. My bankruptcy case number is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Debt Amount

- ☐ I do not owe any money at all.
- ☐ I paid off \$\_\_\_\_\_ more on the debt than the Plaintiff says.
- ☐ I dispute any amount owed over \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Other Affirmative Defenses

- ☐ This debt has already been resolved in another court or through arbitration or has otherwise been determined not to be collectible.
- ☐ The creditor lied to me, threatened me, or physically forced me to enter the contract.
- ☐ The original creditor or Plaintiff acted unfairly when creating or collecting this debt.

**B. Other Defenses and Special Pleas**

- ☐ The account is not my account. I am not the person who took out this debt or made the charges to the account.
- ☐ I am a victim of identity theft and I did not create this debt.
- ☐ I do not have a debt or contract with Plaintiff.

If you have other defenses or reasons you do not owe this debt, you may list them here:

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**III. SERVICE BY EMAIL** *(Normally, documents in this case are sent by mail. If it is easier for you, you can choose to get some of the documents sent by email. If you choose to get documents by email, you must have an email account where you can receive, open, and view large attachments, and it is important that you check this email account every day. **Even if you receive some documents by email, you will still receive some documents about the case by mail or personal service, so you must not ignore any documents from the court or other parties received by mail or personal service.**)*

☐ Yes, I would like to receive documents related to this case by email at this email address: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ No, I do not want to receive any documents by email.

**IV. RELIEF REQUESTED**

Defendant reserves the right to file an Amended Defendant's Answer with the court to plead other defenses after further investigation and discovery.

Defendant requests that the court enter judgment for Defendant, award Defendant's costs, and for such other and further relief to which Defendant may prove to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Attorney, if any

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

State Bar No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON DEFENDANT'S ANSWER

*(This answer and any other pleadings or motions must be sent to the court and served on the other parties in the case by following Rule 501.4.)*

I hereby certify that a copy of this answer was served on Plaintiff on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant to Rule 501.4 by:

- ☐ Personal delivery
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Email *(if both parties have agreed in writing and provided an email address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature