

VIDOR MUNICIPAL COURT

INDIGENT PACKET FOR ADULTS AGE 17 AND OLDER.

CALL TO BE ADDED TO A COURT DOCKET OR SEND THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE COURT.

Court check-in begins 30 minutes prior to the above time. You cannot appear late. Late appearances will be re-scheduled. You must be in dress code. The dress code is posted online and in the Court lobby.

We do not penalize or incarcerate Defendants due to an inability to pay. If your household income is 125% of the Federal Poverty guideline or less and/or you are on Government assistance, you may be eligible to discharge your fine/cost/fee with community service or other options. *We do not consider going to jail an option and neither should you.*

You **MUST** bring to the Hearing:

1. This **completed** indigent application;
2. Your Government issued driver's license or identification;
3. Evidence of dependents, if not listed on any of the below documents; and
4. **ONE** type of proof of income or government assistance.

Some examples of proof of income/government assistance are:

- A copy of SSI benefits statement, if applicable.
- A copy of the most recent Medicaid benefits statement, if applicable.
- A copy of your two (2) most recent and complete bank statements.
- Your most recent 1040 and related 1099, if applicable. (Tax Return)
- A copy of your two (2) most recent pay statements.
- A copy of the two (2) most recent pay statements from Other Household income listed above.
- A copy of your Unemployment approval or denial letter.
- A copy of your Veteran Benefits statement, if applicable.
- Evidence of housing assistance which may include a Government Housing contract.
- Evidence that you receive Lone Start Benefits or WIC.
- Evidence that your dependents qualify for the reduced school lunch program.
- Other applicable documentation not listed.

Remember, we are NOT asking for everything listed in the examples, just ONE.

CAUSE NUMBER(S): _____

STATE OF TEXAS
VS.

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
CITY OF VIDOR
ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS

INITIAL ALL THAT APPLY.

_____ I assert that I am too poor to pay the fine and costs immediately and that I have insufficient resources or income to pay today or within 30 days.

_____ I request that I be able to discharge the fine and costs by performing community service, because I have no resources to pay and I am unable to pay the fine and costs.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE / INDIGENCE

Name: _____ Telephone #'s: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

1. Are you currently employed? YES NO (*CIRCLE ONE*)

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Salary: \$_____ per DAY WEEK BI-WEEKLY MONTH (*CIRCLE ONE*)

Employer's Telephone Number: _____

2. If you answered NO, do you have any expectations of going to work within the next month?

Yes *When & where?* _____

No

3. Is anyone in your household employed? YES NO (*CIRCLE ONE*)

Who? _____

4. Marital Status: MARRIED SINGLE DIVORCED WIDOWED (*CIRCLE ONE*)

SPOUSE'S Employer: _____ SPOUSE'S Job Title: _____

SPOUSE'S Employer's Address: _____

SPOUSE'S Salary: \$_____ per DAY WEEK BI-WEEKLY MONTH (*CIRCLE ONE*)

SPOUSE'S Employer's Telephone Number: _____

5. Are you permanently disabled and receiving disability? YES NO (*CIRCLE ONE*)

6. Are you receiving any government assistance?

Yes *What type?* _____

No

7. Have you already been given an extension or payment plan option?

Yes *Do you remember the terms?* _____

No

8. If you answered YES, why were you unable to comply with the terms of your payment plan?

- Loss of job
- Reduction of household income
- Increase in number of dependents
- Forgot about obligation
- Other: _____

9. Did you make any efforts to keep in communication with the Court about your financial situation?

- Yes *How?* _____
- No *Why not?* _____

10. Are you, at this time, capable of complying with a new payment plan if ordered to pay your financial obligation to the Court?

- Yes
- No

11. If you answered YES, what do you believe is an amount you can afford to pay every month based on your financial situation? \$_____ per month beginning on _____.

12. If you answered NO, are you physically capable of performing community service to discharge the obligation?

- Yes
- No *Why not?* _____

13. Have you already been given a community service option?

- Yes *Reason for not completing?* _____
- No

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

1. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (ALL SOURCES): \$_____

DAY WEEK BI-WEEKLY MONTH (*CIRCLE ONE*)

2. TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS CLAIMED ON YOUR TAX RETURN: _____

3. MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES: \$_____

4. LIVING SITUATION?

- Own Home
- Rent
- Live with friends / relatives
- Homeless
- Other: _____

5. ANY ASSETS?

- Yes Please list: _____
- No

YOUR INITIAL BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ THE STATEMENT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO IT.

_____ I **promise** that until my fines have been paid in full, I will notify this court in person or by first-class mail of any changes of my address or telephone number at the following address, 1330 First Street, Vidor, TX 77662, within TEN days of the change.

_____ I **UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE A CONTINUING OBLIGATION UNTIL MY FINES ARE PAID IN FULL TO NOTIFY THE COURT OF ANY CHANGES IN MY FINANCIAL STATUS THAT MAY HINDER MY ABILITY TO SATISFY THE JUDGMENT OR HELP ME SATISFY THE JUDGMENT.**

_____ I **understand** that if I pay any part of the fine, costs, or restitution (if applicable) on or after the 31st day after judgment was entered that I am responsible for paying a \$25 time payment fee.

_____ I **understand that submitting false financial information to the Court constitutes the crime of tampering with a governmental record, punishable by incarceration and/or the imposition of a fine. (Sec. 37.10, Penal Code) I swear that all the information in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Date: _____ Defendant's Signature: _____

Sworn and subscribed before me this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Presiding Judge

