IN THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Landlord’s name

**CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Landlord’s address

**JUDGE TESS NEFF**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code

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**COMPLAINT IN FORCIBLE ENTRY**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **AND DETAINER**

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**Plaintiff(s) (Landlord)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tenant’s name

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tenant’s address

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Defendant(s)**

# CLAIM FOR RELIEF (EVICTION)

1. Plaintiff is the owner of premises located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *[address of premises tenant is to be evicted from*], Lakewood, Ohio.
2. Defendant(s) is/are a tenant at the premises located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*[address tenant is to be evicted from*]

1. Defendant is in default of his/her lease/rental agreement because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant has not paid rent since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *[date]*

1. The Defendant is not is a recipient of Federally Subsidized Housing Assistance (e.g. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program) as it relates to the rental agreement.
2. On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *[date]* plaintiff served defendant with a 3-Day Notice to leave the premises pursuant to RC 1923.04. (3-day notice should be filed with complaint or brought to the Court hearing.)
3. Defendant(s) has/have, since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *[date after the notice period expired]* unlawfully and forcibly detained from the plaintiff possession of the above-described premises.
4. Plaintiff has not accepted any further rent payments since service of the 3-Day Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of plaintiff or plaintiff’s counsel

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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# NOTICE TO ALL LANDLORDS

## New Procedure for Eviction Cases

**By order of the Ohio Supreme Court, only the owner of the rental property or a licensed practicing attorney may file a complaint for evictions or money damages against a tenant. A building manager or agent designated by the landlord other than an attorney may not sign a complaint for eviction or appear on behalf of the landlord in any court proceeding. For further information, see Cleveland Bar Association v. Picklo, 96 Ohio St. 3d 195 (2002).**

If the property is owned by a corporation, only an attorney can represent the property owners in Court.

**Failure to comply with this requirement may be grounds for dismissal of the case at any stage of proceedings.**