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CHARDON MUNICIPAL COURT
CHARDON, OHIO

LAUREN M CARPENTER
206 ALLYND BLVD
CHARDON, OH 44024

Notice is hereby given that Case No 2021 CV I 00665

CITY OF CHARDON OHIO

-VS-

LAUREN M CARPENTER et al

has been assigned for SMALL CLAIMS HEARING on October 07, 2021 at 9:00 am

VICTORIA L. DAILEY
Clerk of Chardon Municipal Court
Chardon, Ohio 44024

cc: BEN D CARPENTER

SMALL CLAIMS COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFF

CITY OF CHARDON, OHIO
c/o REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY
P.O. BOX 470537
BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OH 44147-0537
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DEFENDANT

LAUREN M CARPENTER
206 ALLYND BLVD
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MUNICIPAL COURT
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DEFENDANT

BEN D CARPENTER
206 ALLYND BLVD
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TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT: PLEASE NOTICE THAT A CLAIM IS HEREBY FILED AGAINST THE ABOVE DEFENDANT(S) AND REQUIRES THAT HE/SHE/THEY BE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER THE SAME.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

X OTHER Per the Municipal Income Tax Ordinances of CHARDON, Ohio, Plaintiff believes that Defendant(s) has/have failed to pay taxes, penalties and/or interest, or a portion thereof, to CHARDON, Ohio, in the amount(s) of: \$1,509.19 for 2018; \$189.90 for 2019; \$129.20 for 2020.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF PRAYS FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT(S) IN THE SUM OF \$ 1,828.29, PLUS STATUTORY INTEREST, COURT COSTS OF \$ 120.00, AND POST-JUDGMENT COSTS AND FEES PURSUANT TO R.C. 718.27(G), APPLICABLE ONLY TO TAX YEARS 2016 AND LATER.

STATE OF OHIO)
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA) SS:

Pay by credit card, Mastercard, Visa
or Discover at
(440) 526-0900 Ext. 5005
(800) 860-7482
*2.75% service fee applies

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLAINANT'S CLAIM

MARIA LIGGINS, being first duly sworn, states that he/she is the Plaintiff in the above-captioned cause; that the said cause is for payment of money; that the nature of Plaintiff's demand is as stated; that there is due to Plaintiff from Defendant(s) the amount stated above; and that Defendant(s) is/are not now in the military or naval service of the United States. If service of process by certified mail is returned by the postal authorities with the endorsement of "refused" or "unclaimed," the undersigned requests regular mail service in accordance with Civil Rule 4.6(C) or 4.6(D).

***** ATTENTION *****
*Make all inquiries and/or payments to the above *
*address ONLY - at least 10 days prior to hearing. *
*Court costs must be added to the balance due. *

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
TO BEFORE ME THIS

Maria Liggins
PLAINTIFF
13 DAY OF JULY, 21

Thomas J. Lance
CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK, NOTARY PUBLIC
THOMAS J LANCE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
August 25, 2025

NOTICE AND SUMMONS IN ACTION FOR MONEY ONLY

TO DEFENDANT(S): LAUREN M CARPENTER

BEN D CARPENTER

PLAINTIFF, CITY OF CHARDON, Ohio, seeks judgment in this Court against you for \$ 1,828.29, interest, court costs, and if applicable, post-judgment costs and fees upon the following claims: For municipal income tax year(s): 18;19;20.

The Court will hold trial upon this claim at 111 WATER STREET
CHARDON, OH 44024 at 09:00 o'clock A. M. on Thursday the 7 day of October, 2021.

If you do not appear at the trial, judgment may be entered against you by default, and your earnings may be subjected to garnishment or your property may be attached to satisfy the judgment. If your defense is supported by witnesses, account books, receipts, or other documents, you must produce them at the trial. Subpoenas for witnesses, if requested by a party, will be issued by the Clerk. If you admit the claim, but desire time to pay, you may make such a request at the trial. If you believe you have a claim against the Plaintiff, you must file a counterclaim with the Court and serve the Plaintiff, and all other parties, with a copy of the counterclaim at least seven days prior to the date of the trial of the Plaintiff's claim.

Ann Marie Hest
CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK

CHARDON MUNICIPAL COURT
SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION
www.co.geauga.oh.us/municourt

INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAINTIFF

1. **FILING SUIT:** To begin an action in Small Claims Court, come to the Clerk's office, and prepare the necessary papers. Effective September 28, 2016, the maximum amount you may ask for is \$6,000.00. Claims must be for money only; this court cannot be used to sue for possession of property or to put a tenant out. You may sue a person living in the county where the Small Claims Court is located, or a person living elsewhere if your claim arose in the county. A corporation is treated as a "person".
 - The debt must be owed to you.
 - You may bring an action on behalf of yourself.
 - A company may be represented by its officers.
 - A corporation may be represented by an officer of the company or a salaried employee.
 - If your claim involves property damage to your auto, or arises out of a contract, ordinarily ONLY the Titled owner of the car or contracting party, and no others, are proper plaintiffs.

When filing, bring with you the following information:

- a) Amount of claim and what it is for
- b) Name, street address, and telephone number of the person you are suing.
- c) If "Account, (exhibit attached)", please provide one copy for Court and one copy for each defendant.

Effective August 1, 2020, a \$100.00 fee is required at the time of filing, (\$20.00 for each additional defendant named on the complaint). If request is made for personal or residential service by Bailiff, a service fee will be charged at time of request.

2. **TRIAL:** A trial date will be set by the clerk. The clerk will mail you a copy of the complaint, which will have the trial date entered on it. It will be your responsibility to appear at the Small Claims Court on the date set, without further notice, and to bring with you any papers and witnesses to prove your claim.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT TRIAL, YOUR CASE WILL BE DISMISSED.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFENDANT

1. **TRIAL:** You have had a lawsuit filed against you. If you wish to contest the Plaintiff's claim, you must appear on the court date and bring with you any papers, evidence, or witnesses who you need to prove your defenses. **IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT TRIAL, JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU.** If you want to file a counterclaim against the Plaintiff, you must file the original with the Court (\$25 fee) and give or send a copy to all other parties, at least seven days before trial of the Plaintiff's claim. A counterclaim may not exceed \$6,000.00 in the Small Claims division.
2. **PAYMENT:** If you do not dispute Plaintiff's claim, you should make arrangements to pay it, either before or after judgment. Include the court costs shown in the body of the Summons. If Plaintiff has to pursue collection procedures through the Court, additional court costs will be charged to you.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **ATTORNEY:** Small Claims Court is informal. Parties usually appear without an attorney, but you may hire an attorney if you wish.
2. **SETTLEMENT:** If the claim is settled prior to court date, please advise the Court. {Municipal Court phone number 440.286.2684; Fax: 440.286.2679; E-mail: municivil@co.geauga.oh.us} Plaintiff must follow up with a written dismissal.
3. **WITNESSES:** If there is someone you need as a witness who refuses to attend the trial, you may ask the court to issue a subpoena, if it is needed, no later than 10 days before the trial date. (Cost is additional) If you wish to use documents as evidence at trial, bring copies for the Court to keep.