| File No.  |               | STATE OF NO   | RTH CAROLINA                          |   | . <u> </u>                   |   |               |                     |
|---|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------------|
| COMPLAINT<br>FOR MONEY OWED   |               | County  |                                       |   |                              | In The General Court Of Justice<br>District Court Division-Small Claims |               |                     |
|   |               | <ol> <li>The defendant is a resident of the county named above.</li> <li>The defendant owes me the amount listed for the following reason:</li> </ol> |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
|   |               |   |                                       |   |                              |   |               | G.S. 7A-216, 7A-232 |
|   |               |   |                                       | Interest Owed <i>(if any)</i> \$ Total Amount Owed \$ |                              | \$  |               |                     |
|   |               |   |                                       |   |                              | \$  |               |                     |
|   |               | (check one below)   |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
| County  | Telephone No. | On An Account (att  | ach a copy of the account)            | Date From Which Interest Due Interest Rate            |                              | Interest Rate   |               |                     |
| VEF Name And Address Of Defendant 1   | SUS           | For Goods Sold A  | nd Delivered Between                  | Beginning Date  | Ending Date                  | 9   | Interest Rate |                     |
|   |               | Date From Which Interest Due  |                                       |   | Interest Rate                |   |               |                     |
| County     Telephone No.       Name And Address Of Defendant 2     Individual     Corporation |               | On a Promissory Note (attach copy)  |                                       | Date Of Note  | Date From Which Interest Due |   | Interest Rate |                     |
|   |               | For a Worthless Check (attach a copy of the check)  |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
|   |               | For conversion (describe property)  |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
|   |               |   |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
| County  | Telephone No. | -   |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
| Name And Address Of Plaintiff's Atto  | l<br>rney     | -   |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
|   |               | I demand to recover the total amount listed above, plus interest and reimbursement for court costs.   |                                       |   |                              |   |               |                     |
|   |               | Date  | Name Of Plaintiff Or Attorney (Type C | Dr Print)   | Signature Of Plainti         | ff Or Attorney  |               |                     |



## INSTRUCTIONS TO PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT

- 1. The PLAINTIFF must file a small claim action in the county where at least one of the defendants resides.
- 2. The PLAINTIFF cannot sue in small claims court for more than \$10,000.00. This amount may be lower, depending on local judicial order. If the amount is lower, it may be any amount between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00, as determined by the chief district court judge of the judicial district.
- 3. The PLAINTIFF must show the complete name and address of the defendant to ensure service on the defendant. If there are two defendants and they reside at different addresses, the plaintiff must include both addresses. The plaintiff must determine if the defendant is a corporation and sue in the complete corporate name. If the business is not a corporation, the plaintiff must determine the owner's name and sue the owner.
- 4. The PLAINTIFF may serve the defendant(s) by mailing a copy of the summons and complaint by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the party to be served or by paying the costs to have the sheriff serve the summons and complaint. If certified or registered mail is used, the plaintiff must prepare and file a sworn statement with the Clerk of Superior Court proving service by certified mail and must attach to that statement the postal receipt showing that the letter was accepted.
- 5. The PLAINTIFF must pay advance court costs at the time of filing this Complaint. In the event that judgment is entered in favor of the plaintiff, court costs may be charged against the defendant.

- 6. The DEFENDANT may file a written answer, making defense to the claim, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court. This answer should be accompanied by a copy for the plaintiff and be filed no later than the time set for trial. The filing of the answer DOES NOT relieve the defendant of the need to appear before the magistrate to assert the defendant's defense.
- 7. Whether or not an answer is filed, the PLAINTIFF must appear before the magistrate.
- 8. The PLAINTIFF or the DEFENDANT may appeal the magistrate's decision in this case. To appeal, notice must be given in open court when the judgment is rendered, or notice may be given in writing to the Clerk of Superior Court within ten (10) days after the judgment is rendered. If notice is given in writing, the appealing party must also serve written notice of appeal on all other parties. The appealing party must PAY to the Clerk of Superior Court the costs of court for appeal within twenty (20) days after the judgment is rendered.
- 9. This form is supplied in order to expedite the handling of small claims. It is designed to cover the most common claims.
- 10. The Clerk or magistrate cannot advise you about your case or assist you in completing this form. If you have any questions, you should consult an attorney.



| STATE OF NORTH C   | AROLINA   |  | File No.  |   |
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|  | County  | <u> </u>   |   | Court Of Justice<br>sion - Small Claims                                     |
| Plaintiff(s)<br>VERS<br>Defendant(s)   | SUS   |  | G   | MMONS<br>DNS (ASSESS FEE)<br>.S. 1A-1, Rule 4; 7A-217, -232                 |
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| Name And Address Of Defendant 1  | Name And Address Of De  | fendant 2  |   |   |
|  |   |  |   |   |
| Telephone No. Of Defendant 1   |   | Telephone No. Of Defenda   | ant 2   |   |
| someone who rea<br>iMPORTANTE! iS<br>NO TIRE estos pa<br>iPuede querer con<br>con alguien que la<br>A Small Claim Action Has Been (C)<br>You are notified to appear before th<br>at the trial to defend yourself again<br>You may file a written answer, mak<br>trial.<br>If you fail to appear and defend again | Asultar con un abogado lo a<br>ca inglés y que pueda tradu<br>Commenced Against You!<br>The magistrate at the specified dat<br>st the claim stated in the attache<br>ing defense to the claim, in the o | te these papers!<br>civil en su contra!<br>antes posible acerc<br>cir estos documen<br>e, time, and location o<br>d complaint.<br>ffice of the Clerk of Su<br>trate may enter a judg | Estos papeles sor<br>a de su caso y, de<br>tos!<br>f trial listed below. You<br>perior Court at any tin | a documentos legales.<br>ser necesario, hablar<br>will have the opportunity |
| Date Of Trial  | Time Of Trial   | Location Of Court  |   |   |
| Name And Address Of Plaintiff Or Plaintiff's At  | unney   | Date Issued Signature Deputy CSC   | Assistant CSC   | Clerk Of Superior Court   |

|  |   |                        | RETURI                     | N OF SERVICE          |  |                   |   |
|--|---|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| I certify that this summons and a copy of the complaint were received and served as follows:   |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| DEFENDANT 1  |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| Date Served  |   | Time Served            | AM PI                      | Name Of Defendar      | nt   |                   |   |
| By delivering to   | By delivering to the defendant named above a copy of the summons and complaint.   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
|  | By leaving a copy of the summons and complaint at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the defendant named above with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, who is named below. |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| below.   |   |                        | -                          | <b>C</b>              | ne summons and complaint to the person named         |                   |   |
| Name And Address Of Pe   | erson With Who  | om Copy Left (if corpo | ration, give title of pers | on copy left with)    |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            | Date Accepted         | Signature  |                   |   |
| Acceptance of<br>Summons and   | service.<br>complaint r<br>or print name,   |                        | Defendant 1.               |                       | Signature  |                   |   |
| Other manner   | Other manner of service (specify)   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| Defendant WA   | S NOT serv  | ved for the followi    | ng reason:                 |                       |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        | DEF                        | ENDANT 2              |  |                   |   |
| Date Served  |   | Time Served            | AM PI                      | Name Of Defendar      | nt   |                   |   |
| By delivering to   | the defend  | ant named abov         | e a copy of the su         | mmons and compla      | int.   |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            |                       | place of abode of the defendant named above with a   |                   |   |
| · _ ·  | •   |                        | C A                        | ho is named below.    |  |                   |   |
| below.   | ant is a corp   | oration, service v     | vas effected by de         | livering a copy of th | ne summons and complaint to the person named         |                   |   |
| Name And Address Of Pe   | erson With Who  | om Copy Left (if corpo | ration, give title of pers | on copy left with)    |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            | -                     | 1  |                   |   |
| Acceptance of Summons and  | complaint r   | eceived by:            | Defendant 2.               | Date Accepted         | Signature  |                   |   |
| Other manner of service (specify)  |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| Defendant WAS NOT served for the following reason:   |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| FOR USE IN       Service was made by mailing by first class mail a copy of the summons and complaint to the defendant(s) and by posting a copy of the summons and complaint at the following premises: |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
| SUMMARY     Date Served     Name(s) Of The Defendant(s) Served By Posting       EJECTMENT     Address Of Premises Where Posted   |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            |                       |  | Service Fee<br>\$ | 1 |
| ♥<br>Date Received   |   |                        |                            | Name Of Deputy S      | Name Of Deputy Sheriff Making Return (type or print) |                   |   |
| Date Of Return County Of   |   |                        | County Of Sheriff          |                       |  |                   |   |
|  |   |                        |                            |                       |  |                   |   |