

BATON ROUGE CITY COURT
SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION
233 St. Louis Street
P.O. Box 3438
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(225) 389-3017

SUPPLEMENTAL and/or AMENDED
STATEMENT OF CLAIM AND CITATION
R.S. 13:5200 et seq.

SUIT NUMBER: _____

I am requesting that this matter be heard by:
(Check One) Arbitrator Judge

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

DEFENDANT

FULL NAME OF SUING PARTY

FULL NAME OF PARTY BEING SUED

DAYTIME PHONE

NAME OF OWNER (IF APPLICABLE)

STREET ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF

STREET ADDRESS OF DEFENDANT

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

CITY, STATE, ZIP, CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

PLAINTIFF HEREBY SUPPLEMENTS and/or AMENDS his original small claim pleading as follows:
Amount sued for \$ _____ plus legal interest and court costs.

NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES: During the pendency of this lawsuit, the Court will contact you at the above address and phone number that you have provided. **If either address or phone number should change, you must notify the Court immediately.** Your case may be decided by an Arbitration, who is a licensed attorney, appointed by the Judge. If so appointed, and the parties agree to be bound by his arbitration, his decision will be final and binding. **Citation continued on back.**

PLEASE SERVE DEFENDANT/AGENT:

SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF

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*** * * ATTENTION * * ***

This lawsuit is filed in the Small Claims Division.

The ordinary rules of evidence do not apply in the Small Claims Division.

If you lose in the Small Claims Division, you have no right to appeal the Court's decision.

Your matter will be tried before a Judge, unless both parties request in writing that the matter be heard before an arbitrator. This preference can be made on the first page of the Petition or Answer, whichever applies, in the designated box. The preference for arbitration must be filed with the Clerk of the Small Claims Division no later than ten days from the date on which you receive this notice. Copies of the written preference should be sent to all other parties in this matter.

You may have this case transferred to the regular Civil docket. To do so, you must file your answer and written notice of that intent to transfer with the Clerk of City Court within ten (10) days, including weekends, and pay a transfer fee of \$50.00.

If you are unsure of what to do, you should talk with an attorney about it immediately.

If you want to contest this claim, you must decide whether or not you want the case to remain in the Small Claims Division. The advantages of the Small Claims Division are that trial procedures are not strictly enforced and the formal rules of evidence do not apply. The disadvantage is that there is no appeal from the decision upon the case. You do not need a lawyer, but if you wish to retain one, you may do so. Corporations, partnerships and other legal entities may defend themselves through a duly authorized partner, shareholder, officer or employee on any claim not exceeding \$3,000.00, if the basis of the suit involves an open account or promissory note. In all other such cases, an attorney is required to represent these entities.

If you decide to contest this claim in the Small Claims Division, you must contact the Clerk of the Small Claims Division in writing within ten (10) days, including weekends, of receiving this letter. To do so, use the form which is provided entitled "Defendant's Answer."

If you plan to file a reconventional demand (counterclaim) against the Plaintiff in an amount exceeding \$3,000.00, you must have the case transferred to the regular Civil Docket and pay the appropriate fee.