

LANDLORD'S GUIDE TO NONPAYMENT SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS

For Courts Outside New York City



New York State Unified Court System

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What to do Before Starting a Nonpayment Summary Proceeding

Before starting a **Nonpayment Summary Proceeding**, a landlord must ask the tenant to pay the past due rent. This is called making a **Demand** for the rent.

There are two types of “demands.” As a landlord, you are allowed to use either one:

- **Oral Demand.** You may speak to the tenant in person and ask for the past due rent. If the tenant does not pay after you have made the **Oral Demand**, you can begin the **Nonpayment Summary Proceeding** immediately.
- **Written Demand.** You may provide the tenant a written notice demanding that the tenant pay the rent or leave the rental property. A **Written Demand** must be given to the tenant in the same way as the **Notice of Petition and Petition**. See pages 4 and 5 of this booklet for the rules on delivering or “serving” court papers. You are not allowed to give the tenant a **Written Demand** yourself.

If you make a **Written Demand**, you must allow three days for the tenant to pay the rent. If the rent is not paid after the three days, you may begin the **Nonpayment Summary Proceeding**.

If you accept a partial rental payment from the tenant after you have made a **Demand**, you must make a new demand for the correct amount due before beginning a **Nonpayment Summary Proceeding**. If the tenant pays the entire amount of past due rent, you may not bring a **Nonpayment Summary Proceeding**.

The forms and instructions for preparing a **Written Demand** are included in the Forms and Instructions section of this booklet.

How to Begin a Nonpayment Summary Proceeding

A landlord must file two court forms to begin a Nonpayment Summary Proceeding: (1) a Notice of Petition: Nonpayment Proceeding; and (2) a Nonpayment Petition to Recover Possession of Real Property.

These may be filed with the court if the tenant has not paid the past due rent after the landlord has made a Demand.

The two court forms and instructions for filling them out are included in the Forms and Instructions section of this booklet.

Bring your completed Notice of Petition and Petition to the court. If you made a Written Demand for the past due rent, attach a copy of it to the Petition.

There will be a fee for filing the court papers. If you do know the amount, you can contact the Court Clerk's Office for this information.

A court clerk will assign an index number or a docket number to your case. You must write this number on the Notice of Petition and Petition before you have them "served" on the tenant. (More information about "service" is provided below.) You must also include this number on all other papers that you file with the court about this case.

The court clerk will assign a date for your case to be heard in court.

The next step is for you to deliver or "serve" the court papers on the tenant.

"Serving" the Court Papers

There are only three ways to deliver or "serve" a Notice of Petition and Petition in a Nonpayment Summary Proceeding. A Written Demand also should be served in one of these three ways.

As a landlord, you must get a friend or licensed process server to give the papers to every tenant named in the documents. ***You cannot serve the tenant yourself.*** Your friend must be more than 18 years old and may not have served more than five legal papers in the year to be able to serve your papers. If you wish to hire a process server, you may look in the yellow pages of the phone book to locate one.

- **Personal Delivery.** The person who serves the papers must first try to give the papers to the tenant personally, by giving them to the tenant in his or her hand. The papers can be handed to the tenant anywhere.

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- **Substituted Service.** If the person serving the papers tries to serve the tenant at home and the tenant is not present, the server can give the papers to the person who answers the door as long as (1) the person resides in the apartment; and (2) is of an appropriate age and has appropriate judgment to take the papers. By the next business day, the server must mail two copies of the papers to the tenant, one by regular mail and one by certified mail.
- **Conspicuous Place Service ("Nail and Mail").** If the person serving the papers is unsuccessful on the first try to serve the papers either by personal delivery or substituted service, then he or she must make a second attempt during a different time period. For example, if no one is home during working hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), the server can return at 7:30 p.m. during non-working hours. After two unsuccessful attempts have been made to serve the person at home either by personal delivery or substituted service, the server may then use conspicuous place delivery. This is also known as "nail and mail."

"Nail and Mail" requires that a copy of the papers be attached to the door of the actual residence of the tenant or be slipped under the entrance door of that residence. By the next business day, the server must mail two copies of the papers to the tenant, one by regular mail and one by certified mail.

Important rules about "serving" the court papers:

- The court papers cannot be served on a Sunday, Sabbath day, or any other day of religious observance.
- The person who serves the court papers must complete an Affidavit of Service form for each person served. An Affidavit of Service form and instructions is included in the Forms and Instructions section of this booklet. After completing the form, the person who served the papers must sign the Affidavit of Service before a Notary Public, and have it notarized. The completed Affidavit of Service must be submitted to the court within three days of the personal delivery or mailing.
- The Notice of Petition and Petition must be served no more than twelve days and no less than five days before the court date shown on the Notice of Petition.

If the papers are not served as described above, the tenant may tell this to the court clerk or judge as a Defense to the Nonpayment Summary Proceeding. You will read more about Defenses later in this booklet.

What Happens in Court?

You must appear in court on the date and at the time specified in the Notice of Petition. If you fail to appear on the court date, the judge is allowed to dismiss your case against the tenant. If your tenant fails to appear on the assigned court date, the court may grant you a default judgment.

The tenant may have filed a written Answer to your Petition. If you receive an Answer, read it carefully, as it may contain a description of the tenant's Defenses to the eviction. (More information about Defenses is provided below.)

Bring all of your evidence to court. This might include, for example, rental receipts, a lease or other written agreement, or photographs of the condition of the rental property. You can bring witnesses to testify about the rental property or about the tenant.

When the court clerk or the judge announces your case, you should say that you are present. Then follow the clerk's and the judge's directions.

The judge may ask both you and the tenant if you are the people named in the Notice of Petition and Petition. The judge may also ask other questions to see if there is any possibility of a Settlement, in order to learn whether you or the tenant would like to work with a mediator or if a trial will be necessary.

What is the Difference between Settlement, Mediation and Trial?

- **Settlement.** A Settlement is an agreement between you and the tenant about the case. The terms are determined by you and the tenant. For example, the tenant may agree to pay the past due rent if you make certain repairs to the rental property. Or, you may agree to let the tenant stay in the rental property for a certain time period so that the tenant can find another place to live. You and the tenant may agree to have the court enter a Judgment against the tenant allowing the eviction but delaying the time when it will happen.

In some courts, a Settlement is called a Stipulation and Agreement. The judge may state the terms of the agreement in while you and the tenant are in court to avoid any misunderstanding on your part, the tenant's part, or the court's part about what each has agreed to do.

- **Mediation.** In some courts, you and the tenant can agree to have a mediator handle your case instead of the judge. A mediator is a professional, neutral person who is trained to help you and the tenant come to an agreement about your dispute without the need for a judge to decide it.

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- **Trial.** If you and the tenant cannot agree to settle the dispute, the judge will hold a trial to get information that the judge needs to decide the case. During the trial, you will be asked for evidence to support the request to have the tenant evicted. The judge will give the tenant a chance to ask you questions about your evidence. The judge also may ask questions. Then the tenant will have the chance to present evidence. The judge will give you a chance to ask questions about the tenant's evidence and also may ask the tenant questions about it.

During the trial, the tenant may claim certain Defenses. Some of the more common Defenses are described below. If the tenant claims one or more of these, the judge will give you the chance to explain your side.

- You (the landlord) did not make a Demand for the rent before starting the case;
- You did not follow the rules for having the Notice of Petition and Petition served on the tenant;
- The person named as the "petitioner" (usually you, as the landlord) is not a person authorized to file a Nonpayment Summary Proceeding;
- The amount of the claimed past due rent is wrong;
- The tenant paid some or all of the past due rent;
- The tenant offered you the rent, but you refused to accept it;
- You owe the tenant money for a rent overcharge;
- There are conditions in the rental property that make it unsafe and/or unliveable for the tenant.

After you and the tenant have offered all evidence, the judge will make a decision. For further information about what you can expect at a trial, see *How to Prepare for a Landlord-Tenant Trial* (New York City Civil Court), available at <http://www.nycourts.gov/publications/L&TPamphlet.pdf>.

The Judge's Decision

If the judge rejects your claims and decides in the tenant's favor, the court will dismiss your lawsuit. This means that you cannot evict the tenant on this lawsuit.

If the judge accepts your claims and decides against the tenant, the court will give you a Judgment. The Judgment will give you the right to have the tenant evicted and to take back possession of the rental property. The Judgment may also give you the right to collect money based on the past due rent.

Even if you win a Judgment, the judge may delay or "stay" the date when the tenant has to move in order to give the tenant time to find another place to live.

Procedures After a Judgment

You may be required to complete a Judgment form for the judge to sign. A Judgment form and instructions are included in the Forms and Instructions section of this booklet.

Only a sheriff, constable, marshal, or other enforcement officer — *not you* — can evict a tenant after you win a Judgment. It is illegal for a landlord to do it personally. You must get a Warrant of Eviction from the judge, then ask a sheriff, constable, marshal or other enforcement officer to use the Warrant of Eviction to evict the tenant.

Some courts fill out the Warrant of Eviction form, others ask the landlord to fill it out before the judge signs it. The form is attached in the Forms and Instructions section of this booklet. If the judge wants you to fill it out, complete the form as instructed and then present it to the court clerk for signature.

The actual eviction cannot take place until **72 hours** after the enforcement officer gives the tenant written notice that the eviction is going to happen. There will be fees to pay and procedures to follow with the enforcement officials. Contact the enforcement officer to discuss this information.

Important Notes:

- **Orders to Show Cause.** You should also be aware that the tenant may file a court paper called an Order to Show Cause after you have won a Judgment. An Order to Show Cause will usually ask the judge for the chance to re-open the case for one or more reasons.

If you are served with an Order to Show Cause, read it carefully and be sure to go to court on the date indicated in the court papers. Also read carefully the Affidavit accompanying the Order to Show Cause. This Affidavit will tell you why the tenant is asking the judge to re-open the case.

- **Appeals.** You and the tenant both have the right to appeal the judge's decision to another court if you disagree with it. If you want to appeal, discuss this promptly with the Court Clerk's Office because there are strict time limits that must be followed.

Instructions for Preparing:
Written Demand for Past Due Rent

Find the number on the form for each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the date you are preparing the Written Demand for Payment of Past Due Rent.
2. Write the number of rooms, on which floor, which side of the building, and the apartment number of the rental property. (For example, 4 rooms, 2nd floor, Left side, Apt No. 33)
3. Write the address of the rental property (for example, 321 FIRST ST., ANYWHERE, NY).
4. Check [] the first box if the property is used for business purposes. Check [] the second box if the property is used for residential purposes.
5. Write the name of the tenant(s) residing at the property.
6. Write the tenant's address, including the zip code.
7. If there are any under-tenants, write their names.
8. If there are any under-tenants, write their address including the zip code.
9. List the amounts of rent due and the months for which the rent is due.
10. Write the total amount of rent due.
11. The landlord signs on this line. Print the landlord's name next to the signature.
12. If the landlord has an agent, the agent signs on this line. Print the agent's name next to the signature.
13. If the landlord signed the form, write the landlord's address. If the agent signed the form, write the agent's address.

WRITTEN DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF PAST DUE RENT

(1) _____, 20____
Re: Premises:
(2) ___ rooms ___ floor ___ side, Apt. No. ___
(3) _____

(4) used for Business Residence

TO:

Tenant(s), under-tenant(s) or assigns, and every person in possession of the premises.

(5) _____ (6) _____

(7) _____ (8) _____

(9) Take notice that you owe rent for the following period(s):

\$ _____ for month of _____ 20____
\$ _____ for month of _____ 20____
\$ _____ for month of _____ 20____
\$ _____ for month of _____ 20____
\$ _____ for month of _____ 20____

(10) The total now due is: \$ _____

If you do not pay the total rent due on or before the expiration of **three days** from the date of the service of this notice, or surrender up the possession of said premises to the landlord, the landlord will commence summary proceedings to evict you.

(11) Landlord: _____
Signature _____ Print or Type Name _____

(12) Agent: _____
Signature _____ Print or Type Name _____

(13) Landlord or Agent's Address: _____

Instructions for Preparing Notice of Petition: Non Payment Proceeding

Find the number on the form for each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court where the case is being started.
2. Write the name of the county where the court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number after the court gives you one for this case.
4. Write the landlord's name and address. (The landlord is the "Petitioner.")
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the Respondent.)
6. Write the name of the court where the case is being started
7. Write the name of the county in which the court is located.
8. *Leave blank.* The court will fill in this information.
9. Write the address and description of the rental property.
10. Write the name of the county where the rental property is located.
11. Write the total amount of money you want the judge to award to you.
12. Write the first date that the unpaid rent was due.

Leave the rest blank. Do not sign the form.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY/DISTRICT/TOWN/VILLAGE COURT (1) _____
COUNTY OF (2) _____

(4) _____

Petitioner(s)/Landlord(s)

(3) Index/Docket No. _____

-against-

**NOTICE OF PETITION
NON PAYMENT PROCEEDING**

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

To the Respondents:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing at which you must appear will be held at the

(6) _____
City/District/Town/Village Court

County of (7) _____ on the (8) _____ day of _____, 20 __, at _____ am/pm,
upon the annexed petition, which you must answer, which requests a final judgment evicting
you from, and awarding to the petitioner the possession of, the premises designated and
described as follows:

(9) _____
Street Address Including Zip Code

the _____ rooms on the _____ floor, Apartment No. _____, in the County of (10) _____
and such other and further relief as is demanded in the petition.

TAKE NOTICE that demand also is made in the petition for judgment against you for the
sum of (11) \$ _____, with interest thereon from (12) _____, 20 ____.

TAKE NOTICE that your answer may set forth any defense or counterclaim you may
have against the petitioner.

TAKE NOTICE also that if you shall fail at such time to interpose and establish any
defense that you may have to the allegations of the petition, you may be precluded from
asserting such defense or the claim on which it is based in any other proceeding or action.

TAKE NOTICE that your failure to appear and answer may result in final judgment by
default for the petitioner evicting you from the premise and ordering you to pay the amount
demanded in the petition.

DATED: the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Judge/Clerk/Attorney

Instructions for Preparing Non Payment Petition To Recover Possession of Real Property (Page 1 of 2)

Find the number on the form for each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court.
2. Write the name of the county where court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number after the court gives you one for this case.
4. Write your name and address, if you are the landlord. (The landlord is the "petitioner.")
If you are filling out this form for the landlord, write the *landlord's* name and address, not your own.
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the "Respondent.")
6. Write the landlord's name.
7. Write the tenant's name.
8. Write *either* the word "**oral**" or the word "**written**" (*not both*) depending on whether the rental agreement is oral or in writing.
9. Write the date the rental agreement was made.
10. Write the monthly rental amount.
11. Write the day of the month that the rent is due.
12. Write the full address of the rental property (include the room/apartment number).
13. Write each date the unpaid rent was due and the amount for each date.
14. Write the total amount of rent due.
15. Check the box that is true for your case.

Note for # 10 and #11: If the rent is not due on a monthly basis (e.g., weekly), cross out the word "month" and write in the time period that applies.

Continued Instructions for Preparing
Non Payment Petition To Recover Possession of
Real Property (Page 2 of 2)

16. Check all the boxes that are true for your case.
17. Write the total amount of rent due.
18. Write the first date that the unpaid rent was due.
19. Write the date you finish filling out this form
20. The landlord signs on this line. Print the landlord's name next to the signature.
21. Write the name of the county where you are signing this form.

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.
LEAVE THE REST OF THIS FORM "BLANK" UNTIL YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC.

22. Check the box that applies.
23. The person signing this form (from # 22) must do so in the presence of a Notary Public.
24. The Notary will complete the date and sign his/her name after it has been signed in their presence by the person indicated in # 22.

(4) _____

(3) Index/Docket No. _____

Petitioner(s)/Landlord(s)

-against-

**NON PAYMENT PETITION TO
RECOVER POSSESSION OF REAL
PROPERTY**

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

THE PETITION OF (6) _____ owner and landlord of the premises alleges that:

1. The undersigned is the owner/landlord of the premises claimed herein and the petitioner in this action.

2. Respondent(s) (7) _____ is/are the tenant(s) of said premises who entered into possession thereof under (8) _____ rental agreement made on or about (9) _____ between respondent(s) and the landlord (landlord's predecessor), wherein respondent(s) promised to pay to landlord as rent (10)\$ _____ each month in advance on the (11) _____ day of each month.

3. Respondents are now in possession of said premises.

4. The premises from which removal is sought are described as follows: (12) _____ which is situated within the territorial jurisdiction of this court.

5. Pursuant to said agreement there was due to landlord from respondent tenant(s) rent as follows:

(13) (Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____, (Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____,
(Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____, (Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____,
(Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____, (Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____,
(Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____, (Month) _____, 20 ____ (Amount) \$ _____,

Respondent/Tenant(s) have defaulted in the payments thereof, and the total rent in arrears is (14) \$ _____.

6. Said rent having been duly demanded from the respondent(s) since same became due:

(15)

- Personally by the landlord/owner.
- By the service of a written three(3)-day demand for rent on the respondent(s).

7. Respondent(s) hold over and continue in possession of premises without landlord's permission after said default. (16)

- The landlord is in full compliance with the Emergency Tenant(s) Protection Act of 1974 (ETPA), as amended, and the rent demanded is not greater than the maximum rent permitted by law.
- The premises are subject to rent control and the rent demanded herein does not exceed the maximum rent prescribed by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR).
- The premises are presently subject to ETPA, as amended, because: _____

_____ and the owner of the premises: has registered rents and services with the DHCR pursuant to ETPA and the tenant(s) Protection Regulations promulgated thereunder; is in compliance with ETPA; and the rent demanded herein does not exceed the legal regulated rent permitted the owner under said Law, Regulations, and appropriate Rent Guidelines Board Orders.

The apartment is not subject to rent control by reason of:

- The premises are located in a community which has not adopted ETPA.
- The building in which the premises are located was constructed after December 31, 1973.
- The building in which the premises are located has less than 6 units.

Petitioner requests final judgment: awarding possession of the premises to the petitioner/landlord; issuance of a warrant to remove respondent(s) from possession thereof; judgment for rent in arrears against respondent Tenant(s) for (17) \$ _____; interest from (18) _____, 20 ; costs and disbursements herein.

(19) Dated: _____

(20) Petitioner _____ / _____
Signature Type or Print Name

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF (21) _____ ss: The undersigned

(22)

- Petitioner
- Attorney for petitioner (petitioner is not within the county in which deponent's office is located)
- Agent for petitioner

Being duly sworn states: That deponent has **read /heard** the petition, and the contents of the petition are true to deponent's own knowledge except as to those matters which are alleged on information and belief, and as to them deponent believes them to be true.

(23) _____
(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

(24) Sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

Instructions for Preparing

Affidavit of Personal Service

Find the number on the form each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court.
2. Write the name of the county where court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number after the court gives you one for this case.
4. Write your name and address, if you are the landlord. (The landlord is the “petitioner.”) If you are filling out this form for the landlord, write the *landlord’s* name and address, not your own.
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the “Respondent.”)
6. Write the name of the county where this Affidavit will be signed and sworn to.
7. Write the name of the city, town, or village where this Affidavit will be signed and sworn to.
8. Write the name of the person who served the papers.
9. Write the name of the document that was served.
10. Write the name of the tenant(s) as it appears on the case papers.
11. Write the address of the place where the tenant was served with the case papers.
12. Write the time and date the tenant was served.
13. Fill in the description of the person served.

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.

LEAVE THE REST OF THIS FORM “BLANK” UNTIL YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC.

14. The person who served the papers should sign here in the presence of a Notary Public.
15. The notary will complete the date and sign his/her name. The person who served the papers must sign and print his/her name in the presence of a Notary Public.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY/DISTRICT/TOWN/VILLAGE COURT (1) _____
COUNTY OF (2) _____

(4) _____

(3) Index/Docket No. _____

Petitioner(s)/Landlord(s)

-against-

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

State of New York
County of (6) _____ ss.: City/Town Village of (7) _____

(8) _____, being duly sworn, deposes and says

that (s)he served the (9) _____

In the above entitled action upon the following named respondent(s) at the following place(s) and time(s):

(10) TENANT NAME(S)	(11) ADDRESS (CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE) & STATE	(12) TIME & DATE
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

by delivering to and leaving with respondent(s), personally, a true copy thereof, and deponent further says that (s)he knew the person so served to be the same person mentioned and described in the said summons as respondent therein, and that at the time of making such service deponent was over eighteen years of age and not a party to this action. That (s)he asked respondent whether respondent was in the military service of the United State Government, in any capacity whatever, and respondent replied (s)he was not. Respondent was clad in ordinary civilian clothes and wore no military uniform of any kind.

(13) The person served is described as follows:

Sex _____, Color of Skin _____, Hair Color _____, Approximate: Age _____,
Weight _____, Height _____. Other identifying features: _____

(14) _____
(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

(15)
Sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

Instructions for Preparing

Affidavit of Substituted or Conspicuous Place Service

Find the number on the form each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court.
2. Write the name of the county where court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number after the court gives you one for this case.
4. Write the landlord's name and address, if you are the landlord. (The landlord is the "Petitioner.") If you are filling out this form for the landlord, write the *landlord's* name and address, not your own.
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the "Respondent.")
6. Write the name of the county where this Affidavit will be signed and sworn to.
7. Write the name of the person who served the papers.
8. Write the name of the case paper(s) that was served.
9. Write the name of the tenant(s) as it appears on the case papers.
10. Write the name of the person who received the papers.
11. Write the date and time that the papers were served.
12. Write the address where the papers were served and place a [✓] in the box that describes that place.
13. Provide the information that describes the person who was served.
14. Write the address to which the papers were mailed.
15. Write the date the papers were mailed.
16. If the papers were affixed or left at the tenant's address, write that address and place a [✓] in the box that describes that place.
17. Write the date and time the papers were affixed or left at the tenant's address.
18. Write the address to which the papers were mailed.
19. Write the date the papers were mailed.
20. Write the dates and times you tried to make personal service on the tenant. Leave blank if no attempts were made at personal service.

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED. LEAVE THE REST OF THIS FORM "BLANK" UNTIL YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC.

21. The person who served the papers should sign here in the presence of a Notary Public.
22. The notary public will complete the date and sign his/her name.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY/DISTRICT/TOWN/VILLAGE COURT (1) _____
COUNTY OF (2) _____

(4) _____

Petitioner(s)/Landlord(s)

-against-

(3) Index/Docket No. _____

**AFFIDAVIT OF SUBSTITUTED OR
CONSPICUOUS PLACE SERVICE**

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

State of New York
County of (6) _____

(7) _____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that (s)he served the (8) _____
_____ in the above entitled action in the following manner, stated herein at the following place and time: By
personally delivering to and leaving a true copy for (9) _____

with (10) _____, a person of suitable age and discretion, on the
(11) _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ am/pm at

(12) _____ the dwelling place,

usual place of abode, place of business within the State of New York Deponent further states that (s)he
describes the person actually served as follows:

(13) Sex _____, Color of Skin _____, Hair Color _____, Age _____, Weight _____,

Height _____, Other identifying features _____

AND

by mailing a true copy to the respondent at (14) _____
_____ (his)(her) last
known residence by both first class and certified mail on the: (15) _____ of _____, 20____.

OR

by affixing a true copy thereof to respondent's door or by placing a copy of the papers under the entrance door at
(16) _____

the dwelling place, usual place of abode, place of business within the State of New York on
the: (17) _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ am/pm.

AND

by mailing a true copy of the same to the respondent at (18) _____

(his/her) last known residence by both first class and certified mail on the: (19) _____ day of _____, 20____.
Deponent previously attempted to serve the respondent on the (20) _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____
am/pm; on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ am/pm; and on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____
am/pm.

(21)

(Signature)

(Print or Type Name)

(22)

Sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____, 20____

Notary Public

Instructions for Preparing Non Payment Judgment

Find the number in the form for each instruction below.
Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court where the case was started.
2. Write the name of the county where the court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number for this case.
4. Write your name and address, if you are the landlord. (The landlord is the "Petitioner.") If you are filling out this form for the landlord, write the landlord's name and address, not your own.
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the "Respondent.")
6. Write the name of the landlord.
7. Write the name of the landlord.
8. Write the name of the tenant(s)
9. Write the tenant's current address.

Do not complete this form after #9. The remainder of this form will be completed by the Court.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY/DISTRICT/TOWN/VILLAGE COURT (1) _____
COUNTY OF (2) _____

(4) _____

(3) Index/Docket No. _____

Petitioner(s)/Landlord(s)

-against-

NON PAYMENT JUDGMENT

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

The Notice of Petition and Petition in this proceeding having been duly served and filed with the Court and the Respondent/Tenant(s) having failed to appear and answer or Respondent/Tenant(s) having appeared and an inquest/trial held, and the issues in this proceeding having come before the Court,

NOW, on motion of Petitioner/Landlord (6) _____, it is

ADJUDGED that the Petitioner/Landlord,(7) _____,
recover of the Respondents/Tenant(s),(8) _____,
residing at (9) _____, New York, the sum of \$ _____, together with
\$ _____ costs and disbursements of this proceeding, amounting in all to the sum of \$ _____,
and that the Petitioner/Landlord have execution therefor, and it is further

ADJUDGED that the possession of the premises described in the Petition be granted to the
Petitioner/Landlord with \$ _____ costs of this proceeding, and it is further

ADJUDGED that a warrant of eviction issue, such issuance to be stayed to and including the day of
_____, 20 _____.

OR

ADJUDGED that Respondent/Tenant(s) have judgment dismissing the Petition herein on the
merits (or) without prejudice, with _____ costs.

Dated: _____

Date of Judgment: _____

Judge

Clerk

Instructions for Preparing

Warrant of Eviction: Non Payment

Find the number in the form for each instruction below.

Type or print in black ink only.

1. Write the name of the court where the case is being started.
2. Write the name of the county where the court is located.
3. Write the Index Number or Docket Number for this case.
4. Write your name and address, if you are the landlord. (The landlord is the "Petitioner.") If are filling out this form for the landlord, write the landlord's name and address, not your own.
5. Write the name and address of the tenant(s). (The tenant is the "Respondent.")
6. Write the name of the County where the rental property is located.
7. Write the name of the landlord.
8. Write the date of the Court's judgment giving you the right to evict the tenant.
9. Write the full address of the rental property, including apartment number, upper, lower, etc.
10. Write the full name of the tenant(s).
11. Write the name of all undertenants, if any.

Do not complete this form after #11. The remainder of this form will be completed by the Court.

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-against-

**WARRANT OF EVICTION
NON PAYMENT**

(5) _____

Respondent(s)/Tenant(s)

TO THE SHERIFF OF (6) _____ COUNTY OR MARSHAL/CONSTABLE:

A petition having been presented in the above-captioned matter to this court by
(7) _____ Petitioner/Landlord and final judgment for Petitioner
having been rendered in the above-entitled proceeding on (8) _____ 20___, awarding to
said Petitioner the delivery of possession of the premises located at:(9) _____

and a warrant to remove: (10) _____ Respondent/Tenant(s)
and (11) _____ Respondent/Undertenant(s).

THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to remove Respondent/Tenant(s) and all other
persons from the previously described premises, on the grounds that said tenant(s): _____

FAILED TO PAY RENT and continued in possession of aforementioned premises without permission of
Landlord/Petitioner after Notice of Petition with date of hearing, petition and proof of service were presented
to this Court. That no defense was established by respondent, and that the Court awarded possession of
said property to the landlord/ petitioner.

Enter:

DATE

CITY / DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
TOWN / VILLAGE JUSTICE