

MODEL COMPLAINT FOR CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS (Art. 45.019, C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

VS.

§

CITY OF _____

§

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas:

I, the undersigned affiant, do solemnly swear that I have good reason to believe and do believe that _____, hereinafter called the Defendant, on or about the ____ day of _____, 20____, and before the making and filing of this complaint, in the territorial limits of the City of _____, and the State of Texas, the Defendant did then and there (**allege culpable mental state: intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence; include all elements of the offense, including the name of the victim or location if that is an element; and negate any exceptions permitted by the ordinance**).

Against the peace and dignity of the State and contrary to the said ordinance.

Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me by _____,
a credible person, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(municipal court seal)

(Clerk)(Deputy Clerk), Municipal Court
City of _____
_____ County, Texas

Editor's Note: Although complaints in municipal court are often sworn to before a court clerk or deputy clerk, the jurat (person before whom the affiant swear to the complaint) can also be the judge, city attorney, deputy city attorney, or city secretary. Art. 45.019(e), C.C.P.