**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Plaintiff §

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v. § PRECINCT \_\_\_\_

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Defendant § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT AFTER HEARING: SMALL CLAIMS CASE**

Defendant was served with citation to appear and answer on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and the answer in this case was due on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. By that date, and by the time of the signing of this judgment, Defendant failed to file an answer or other response with the court. The court has reviewed the file and makes the following findings:

* Plaintiff has failed to prove its damages after requesting a default judgment hearing; therefore, pursuant to Rule 503.1(a)(2), the court renders judgment in favor of Defendant and it is accordingly **ORDERED** that Plaintiff take nothing.
* Plaintiff failed to comply with the requirements for the court to grant a default judgment other than failing to prove damages, therefore the request for default judgment is **DENIED** and this case remains on the court’s docket.

**OR:**

* Plaintiff requested a default judgment hearing at which Plaintiff appeared, in person or by telephonic or electronic means, and:
	+ There is proof of proper service of the citation and a copy of the petition on Defendant.
	+ The return of service was on file at least three days before this judgment *(excluding the day on which the return was made and the day of this judgment)*.
	+ Plaintiff filed an affidavit in compliance with the Servicemember’s Civil Relief Act.
	+ Plaintiff provided to the clerk of the court in writing the last known mailing address of the defendant.
	+ Plaintiff established the amount of damages by evidence presented at the hearing.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 503.1(a)(2), it is **ORDERED** that Plaintiff recover of Defendant:

* + the sum of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,
	+ with interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % compounded annually,
	+ and court costs of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**You may appeal this judgment by filing a bond, making a cash deposit, or filing a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs within 21 days after this judgment was signed.***See Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 506.*

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**ISSUED AND SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_**.**

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS