

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby notified that this court has issued an order in the above case in favor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Judgment Creditor

the Judgment Creditor in this proceeding, directing that some of your money in excess of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450), property, or credits, other than personal earnings, that now may be in the possession of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Garnishee

the Garnishee in this proceeding, be used to satisfy your debt to the Judgment Creditor. This order was issued on the basis of the Judgment Creditor's judgment against you that was obtained in the Garfield Heights Municipal Court in Case Number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Upon your receipt of this Notice, you are prohibited from removing or attempting to remove any money, property, or credits until expressly permitted by the court. Any violation of this prohibition subjects you to punishment for contempt of court.

The law of Ohio and the United States provides that certain benefit payments cannot be taken from you to pay a debt. Typical among the benefits that cannot be attached or executed upon by a creditor are the following: (1) Worker's Compensation benefits; (2) Unemployment Compensation payments; (3) cash assistance payments under the Ohio Works First program; (4) benefits and services under the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency program; (5) disability financial assistance administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; (6) Social Security benefits; (7) Supplemental Security Income (S.S.I.); (8) veteran's benefits; (9) black lung benefits; and (10) certain pensions.

There may be other benefits not included in the above list that apply in your case.

If you dispute the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish your property and believe that the Judgment Creditor should not be given your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, now in the possession of the Garnishee because they are exempt, or if you feel that this order is improper for any other reason, you may request a hearing before this court by disputing the claim in the Request for Hearing form enclosed herein, or in a substantially similar form, and delivering the Request for Hearing to this court at the above address no later than the end of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>)

business day after you receive this notice. You may state your reasons for disputing the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish your property in the space provided on the form; however, you are not required to do so. If you do state your reasons for disputing the Judgment Creditor's right, you are not prohibited from stating any other reason at the hearing. If you do not state your reasons, it will not be held against you by the court, and you may state your reasons at the hearing. NO OBJECTIONS TO THE JUDGMENT ITSELF WILL BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING. If you request a hearing, the hearing will be limited to consideration of the amount of your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, in the possession or control of the Garnishee, if any, that can be used to satisfy all or part of the judgment you owe to the Judgment Creditor.

If you request a hearing by delivering your Request for Hearing no later than the end of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after you receive this Notice, said hearing will be added to the court docket and notification of time and date will be sent to you. If you do not request a hearing by delivering your Request for Hearing no later than the end of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after you receive this notice, some of your money, property, or credits, other than personal earnings, will be paid to the Judgment Creditor.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact the office of the Clerk of this court. If you want legal representation, you should contact your lawyer immediately. If you need the name of a lawyer, contact the local bar association.

Donna Marcoguiseppe, Clerk of Court  
Garfield Heights Municipal Court

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Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_