

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS
BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**Summons in Contempt
Order to Appear**

You are alleged to be a Contemnor in an Action filed in this Court. You are summoned and ordered to appear in the Domestic Relations Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, Ohio, at Government Services Center, 315 High Street, 2nd Floor, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011 on the date and at the time set forth in the attached Motion or Order.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AS ORDERED, THE COURT MAY:

- Issue an Order for your arrest, or
- In the case of a contempt action concerning non-payment of support, issue an Order for the payment of support by withholding an amount from your personal earnings or by deducting an amount from your other assets, or
- Both.

NOTICES

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. You may consult with or retain private counsel of your choice, and at your expense, to assist you in this matter. You may request a reasonable continuance of the proceedings in order to obtain private counsel. If you believe you are financially unable to hire private counsel you may, at your first appearance before the Court, request the Court inquire as to your financial status to determine if you are indigent as defined by law. If found to be indigent, upon your request the Court will appoint counsel to assist you at no cost - except for a \$25.00 processing fee unless waived by the court. Your hearing may be continued in order to provide you with appointed counsel.

IF FOUND GUILTY OF CONTEMPT you may be fined, sentenced to a term of incarceration, or both as follows:

FOR A FIRST OFFENSE: A fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), a definite term of incarceration of up to thirty (30) days, or both.

FOR A SECOND OFFENSE: A fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), a definite term of incarceration of up to sixty (60) days, or both.

FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE: A fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), a definite term of incarceration of up to ninety (90) days, or both.

In addition, if found in contempt for non-payment of child support, non-payment of spousal support, or failure to comply with a parenting time order the Court, in addition to the penalties set forth above, may award court costs and reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party in the action.

IF YOU ARE ACCUSED OF NON-PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT and your driving privileges have been suspended by the Child Support Enforcement Agency because of a default in payment of your support obligation, you may at the time of your contempt hearing request the Court grant you limited driving privileges. Any request must be accompanied by a recent, non-certified copy of your Driver's Abstract (driving record) which is available online or in-person through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

BARBARA SCHNEIDER CARTER
Administrative Judge

MARGOT HALCOMB
Judge