

## JURORS'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Instructions:** You must report to jury service unless you 1.) claim an **exemption**: or 2.) are **disqualified**.

**If you are Disqualified:** Circle the qualifications(s) that you do not meet. Sign the form. Mail, email, or, take the form **Immediately** to the Municipal Court. **Do not wait until the trial date.**

**To claim an Exemption:** Circle the exemption(s) that you claim. Sign the form. Mail, email, or, take the form **Immediately** to the Municipal Court. **Do not wait until the trial date.**

### QUALIFICATIONS OF JURY SERVICE (Govt. code, Section 62.102 except where noted)

To serve as a juror you **must** meet the following qualifications:

1. be at least 18 years of age;
2. be a citizen of the United States;
3. be a resident of this state and a resident of the county in which you are to serve as a juror;
4. be qualified under the Constitution and laws to vote in the county in which you are to serve as a juror  
(Note: you **DO NOT** have to be registered to vote to be qualified to vote);
5. be of sound mind and good moral character;
6. be able to read and write;
7. not have served as juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in the district court;
8. not have been convicted of, or be under indictment or other legal accusation for, misdemeanor theft or a felony; and;
9. be a resident of the municipality for which the Court is established.(Government Code, Section 62.501; specific to municipal courts).

### \*EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY SERVICE\* (Govt. Code, Section 62.106)

**Note:** You **DO NOT** have to claim an exemption and may instead choose to serve, if able.  
You *may* be excused from jury service if:

1. you are over 75 years of age;
2. you have legal custody of a child younger than 12 years of age **and** service on the jury would require leaving the child without adequate supervision. (Jury service generally requires only a couple of hours) This exemption is for children not enrolled in school, and/or school is NOT in session. Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ranges of Age: From \_\_\_\_\_ years to \_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. you are a student at a public or private high school;
4. you are enrolled and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education; *class schedule required as proof*
5. you are an officer or an employee of the senate, the house of representatives, or any department, commission, board, office or other agency in the legislative branch of state government.
6. you are the primary caretaker of a person who is unable to care for himself or herself (This exemption does not apply to health care workers.);
7. you are a member of the U.S. military forces serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from your home station and out of your county of residence.
8. Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that I am exempt or disqualified from jury service for the reason(s) circled above:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Right to Reemployment:** A private employer may not terminate the employment of a permanent employee because the employee serves as a juror. An employee whose employment is terminated in violation of this section is entitled to return to the same employment that the employee held when summoned for jury service if the employee, as soon as practical after release from jury service, gives the employer actual notice that employee intends to return. (Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 122.001).

**Failure to Answer Summons and Provision of False Information:** Any person who fails to comply with this summons or who fails to remain in attendance until discharged by the Court, is subject to a contempt action punishable by fine not to exceed \$100 (Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 45.027). **Additionally, a person shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 if the person files a false claim of exemption from jury service** (Government Code, Section 62.111).