

**GROUND'S OF DEFENSE**

Commonwealth of Virginia Rule 7B:2

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

\_\_\_\_\_ TRIAL DATE AND TIME

General District Court

\_\_\_\_\_ CITY OR COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_ STREET ADDRESS OF COURT

\_\_\_\_\_ PLAINTIFF

v.

\_\_\_\_\_ DEFENDANT

**TO THE DEFENDANT:**

You are required to file with the court, and serve by mailing, a written GROUND'S OF DEFENSE by \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

The plaintiff's written BILL OF PARTICULARS is due to be filed with the court and served by mailing by \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

You are further required to fully state, in the numbered paragraphs below, each of the reasons/grounds why you think you do not owe the plaintiff the money or property claimed. You may attach additional paper if needed.

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See continuation sheet.

NOTICES: Failure to comply with this order may be grounds for awarding summary judgment in favor of the adverse party. Both parties must be prepared, at trial, to prove their case with admissible evidence. Upon trial, the judge may exclude evidence as to matters not described in this pleading.

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS / TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SIGNATOR

**DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATE**

I certify I delivered or mailed a completed copy of this GROUND'S OF DEFENSE to the clerk of this court and mailed to each attorney for the plaintiff, or to the plaintiff if not represented.

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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SIGNATURE OF  DEFENDANT  DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY