

In the State of Ohio, County of Ashtabula:

Ashtabula Municipal Court, 110 W 44th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004 (440) 992-7109

JUDGMENT CREDITOR (PLAINTIFF)

CASE NO _____

**NOTICE TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR
OF GARNISHMENT OF PERSONAL
EARNINGS OR WAGES**

AGAINST

JUDGMENT DEBTOR (DEFENDANT)

You are hereby notified that this Court has issued an order in the above case in favor of _____, the Judgment Creditor in this proceeding, directing that some of your personal earnings be used in satisfaction of your debt to the Judgment Creditor instead of being paid to you. This order was issued on the basis of the Judgment Creditor's Judgment against you that was obtained in or transferred to the Ashtabula Municipal Court as Case # _____ on _____ (Date of Judgment).

Ohio law provides that you are entitled to keep a certain amount of your personal earnings free from the claims of creditors. Additionally, wages under a certain amount may never be used to satisfy the claims of creditors. Your employer is required to calculate the amount of your personal earnings to be withheld pursuant to statute.

If you dispute the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish your personal earnings and believe that you are entitled to possession of the personal earnings because they are exempt or if you feel that this order is improper for any reason, you may request a hearing before this Court by disputing the claim on the Request for Hearing form, enclosed herein, and delivering the request for hearing to this Court at the above address no later than the fifth business day after you receive this notice. You may state your reasons for disputing the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish your personal earnings in the space provided on the form but 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 reasons, it will not be held against you by the Court, and you can 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, it will be limited to a consideration of the amount of your personal earnings, if any, that can be used to satisfy all or part of the Judgment you owe to the Judgment Creditor. If you do not request a hearing by delivering your request for hearing within five (5) business days, some of your personal earnings, will be paid to the Judgment Creditor. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you should contact an attorney. If you need help finding an attorney, you should contact your local Bar Association.

Date

Juanita Thorpe, Clerk of Court

By Deputy _____

REQUEST FOR HEARING

I dispute the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish my personal earnings in the above case and request that a hearing in this matter be held no later than twelve (12) business days after delivery of this request to the Court.

I (do / do not) feel that the need for a hearing is an emergency.

I dispute the Judgment Creditor's right to garnish my personal earnings for the following reasons:

(Optional)

I UNDERSTAND THAT NO OBJECTIONS TO THE JUDGMENT ITSELF WILL BE HEARD OR CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING.

Name of Judgment Debtor

Signature

Date

WARNING

If you do not deliver this request for hearing or a request in a substantially similar form to the office of the Clerk of Court within five (5) business days of your receipt of it, you waive your right to a hearing and some of your personal earnings now in the possession of your employer will be paid to the Judgment Creditor to satisfy some of your debt to him/her.