

# Nonpayment

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner (Landlord),

-against-

Respondent (Tenant),  
Address:

Respondent (Undertenant).  
Address:

Index No. L&T \_\_\_\_\_

Notice of Nonpayment  
Petition

Petitioner Business Address:

## Your landlord is suing you for nonpayment of rent.

1. Your landlord has started an eviction nonpayment case against you for rent the landlord claims you owe. The landlord's reasons are given in the attached Petition.
2. Your landlord is asking this Court for:
  - a money judgment for \$\_\_\_\_\_, plus interest from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and
  - permission to evict you from your home if you do not pay the money judgment.
3. You have a right to a trial. But first you must Answer the Petition by going to the landlord-tenant Clerk's Office at: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, New York. You must do this within **5 days** after the date these papers were given to you or a person who lives or works in your home, or were posted at your home at:

Address or description of the premises

**Warning!** If you don't Answer the Petition within 5 days, a judgment may be entered against you. If that happens, the landlord will have the right to evict you.

4. Your Answer should say the legal reasons that you don't owe all or part of the rent. The legal reasons are called defenses. You can also say any claims you have against the landlord. You will have to prove your defenses and claims in court. To Answer the Petition you must either:
  - Go to the landlord-tenant Clerk's Office and tell the Clerk your Answer, or
  - Give the landlord-tenant Clerk your Answer in writing (Form No. Civ-LT-91a).Information to help you Answer the Petition is attached (Form No. Civ-LT-92).

**Important!** If you don't tell the Clerk about a defense in your Answer you might not be able to talk about it later in this case or any other case.