## JUDGE JASON M. CHARBONNET

TARRANT COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
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## **EVICTION APPEAL INFORMATION**

YOU HAVE FIVE (5) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF JUDGMENT TO FILE AN APPEAL AND PAY THE COURT COSTS AS REQUIRED AS WELL AS POST THE CASH OR SURETY BOND. IF THIS IS A NONPAYMENT OF RENT CASE YOU WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO POST ONE-MONTH'S RENT INTO THIS COURT'S REGISTRY WITHIN 5 DAYS FROM THE FILING OF THE APPEAL BOND. IT IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO FILE THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK. YOU MUST REQUEST FROM THE CLERK A CASH BOND FORM AS THE COURT WILL ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE USING THE SURETY APPEAL BOND AND GIVE YOU THE SURETY APPEAL BOND PACKET IF YOU DO NOT SPECIFY OTHERWISE.

1. JUSTICE COURT COSTS ARE \$64.00 AND MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO "JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #6" BY CASH (EXACT CHANGE), CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR BUSINESS CHECK.

## \*\*NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\*

- 2. AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$350.00 WILL BE COLLECTED BY COUNTY COURT AT LAW AND MUST BE PAID TO THEM DIRECTLY ONCE THE APPEAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID TO THEM DIRECTLY FOR YOUR APPEAL TO BE PERFECTED. THEY WILL SEND YOU NOTICE OF PAYMENT.
- 3. APPEAL BOND AMOUNT SHOULD BE FOR TWICE THE JUDGMENT DOLLAR AMOUNT AS STATED IN THE JUDGMENT. IF THE JUDGMENT <u>DOES NOT</u> INCLUDE A MONETARY FIGURE, THE BOND IS SET AT \$500.00. THE BOND SHOULD HAVE TWO SURETIES' SIGNATURES (ATTORNEYS AND INSURANCE BONDING COMPANIES CAN BE SURETIES).
  - A. EACH SURETY THAT SIGNS YOUR BOND MUST ALSO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT OF SURETY AND THEIR SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED (2 AFFIDAVITS OF SURETY ARE INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET). YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH SURETY INCLUDES THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. \*\*\*\*YOU CANNOT BE YOUR OWN SURETY.

ONCE YOU HAVE THE COMPLETED BOND, AFFIDAVIT OF SURETIES SIGNED AND NOTARIZED, AND ALL THE FEES AS REQUIRED AND SET OUT ABOVE, YOU MUST FILE IT WITH THIS OFFICE BEFORE YOUR APPEAL TIME HAS EXPIRED. IF YOUR LAST DAY TO FILE FALLS ON A WEEKEND, COUNTY HOLIDAY, OR A ON A DAY THAT THE COURT CLOSES BEFORE 5:00 P.M. YOU WILL HAVE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY TO APPEAL. PLEASE CALL THE COURT IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT DAY.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE PLAINTIFF MAY CONTEST YOUR APPEAL BOND WITHIN 5 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPEAL BOND HAS BEEN FILED. MORE SPECIFICALLY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 24 OF THE PROPERTY CODE, ALL EVICTION BONDS CAN BE CONTESTED BASED ON THE FINANCIAL ABILITY OF THE SURETIES, THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND, THE APPEAL BOND FORM

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT NO ONE IN THIS OFFICE CAN HELP YOU FILL OUT THE BOND OR GIVE YOU ANY OTHER LEGAL ADVICE. THE CLERKS CAN ONLY HELP WITH THE PROCEDURAL INFORMATION GIVEN HEREIN.