

Print court information exactly as it appears on your Petition for Divorce

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

Petitioner (Print first, middle and last name of person who filed for divorce)

and

Respondent (Print first, middle and last name of other spouse)

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Cause No:

[Empty box for Cause No.]

In the (check one):

□ District Court □ County Court of: (court number)

County, Texas

Final Decree of Divorce

A hearing took place today, and the following people were present. There was no jury as neither the husband nor wife asked for one.

I. APPEARANCES

Petitioner

The Petitioner's name is: First Middle Last

The Petitioner represented him/herself and is the (check one): □ Husband. □ Wife.

(Check one box.)

□ The Petitioner was present, representing him/herself, and has agreed to the terms of this Decree of Divorce.

□ The Petitioner was not present but has signed below, agreeing to the terms of this Decree.

Respondent

The Respondent's name is: First Middle Last

The Respondent is the (check one): □ Husband. □ Wife.

(Check one box.)

□ The Respondent was present, representing him/herself, and agrees to the terms in this Decree.

□ The Respondent was not present but was served, filed an Answer, or signed a Waiver of Citation, and: (check all that apply)

□ has signed below, agreeing to the terms in this Decree.

□ agreed in the Waiver that the judge can finalize the divorce, without giving the Respondent notice of this hearing.

□ has defaulted. The Petitioner has filed a Certificate of Last Known Address and an Affidavit of Non-Military Status. The Petitioner has also arranged for a court reporter to record the hearing.

## II. RECORD

A Court reporter: *(Check one box.)*

- did not record today's hearing because the Husband, Wife, and judge agreed not to make a record.
- recorded today's hearing.

## III. JURISDICTION *(Check one box.)*

The Court received evidence and finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the parties, that the residency and notice requirements have been met, the Petitioner's petition meets all legal requirements, and

- that the Petitioner's *Petition* was filed more than 60 days ago.
- the Court finds that the Petitioner has an active Protective Order under Title 4 of the Texas Family Code, or an active magistrate's order for emergency protection under Article 17.192 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure against the Respondent because the Respondent committed family violence during the marriage.
- the Respondent has a final conviction or has received deferred adjudication for committing family violence against the Petitioner or a member of Petitioner's household.

## IV. CHILDREN

### Children of the Marriage *(Check one box.)*

- The Husband and Wife do not have minor children under 18, or any adult, disabled children who are entitled to child support or medical support.
- The Husband and Wife are the parents of the minor children listed below. Court orders that finalize custody, support, and visitation for these children were made in the *(check one)*:  District Court  County Court of: \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, Cause # \_\_\_\_\_. That court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of the children. No changes are made to those orders in this Decree. A copy of those orders are attached to this Decree, in Exhibit A, and are incorporated for all purposes, as provided for by Texas Family Code, Section 6.407. *(Attach a copy of the orders, and write Exhibit A at the top).*

Child's name	Age	Date of Birth	Sex
a.	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____
e.	_____	_____	_____
f.	_____	_____	_____

*If more than 6 children, list them on another sheet and write Attachment B at top. Attach it to this form.*

- The Court finds that the children listed below were born during the marriage, but are not the husband's biological children. There is not legal relationship between these children and the Husband.

Child's name	Age	Date of Birth	Sex
a.			
b.			
c.			
d.			

*If more than 4 children, list them on another sheet and write Attachment B at top. Attach it to this form.*

**Pregnancy** (Check one box.)

- The Court finds that Wife is not pregnant.  
 The Court finds that Wife is pregnant, but Husband is not the biological father of the unborn child. There is no legal relationship between Husband and the unborn child.

**V. DIVORCE**

IT IS ORDERED that the Petitioner and the Respondent are divorced.

**VI. PROPERTY AND DEBTS**

**NOTE:** Texas is a community property state. This means that any new property or debt that either party obtains from the minute they are married until the minute the judge grants the divorce, is community property, even if the property or debt is only in one spouse's name.

All community property and debt should be included in the Final Decree of Divorce. There are only a few exceptions to the law of community property. If either party receives a gift, an inheritance, or money from a lawsuit that does not compensate for lost wages, it is separate property. It is a good idea to confirm separate property obtained during the marriage as that individual's separate property in the Final Decree of Divorce. More information about community and separate property can be found in the Texas Family Code, chapters 3,4, and 5.

The Court makes the following orders regarding the parties' community and separate property:

**Husband's Property**

**Separate Property**

The Court confirms that Husband owns the following property as his separate property:

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8.  The Husband will also keep the property listed below: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9.  The Wife will give Husband the following property when he asks for it:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Husband's Debts** (check all that apply)

The Husband shall pay the debts listed below:

1.  All taxes, bills, liens, and other charges, present and future, for all personal and real property that are in the Husband's name alone or that this Order gives to the Husband alone, unless this Order requires otherwise.
2.  Any debt Husband incurred after separation. Date of separation: \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Month Day Year*
3.  The balance due on any loan or mortgage for the real property that this Order gives to the Husband alone.
4.  The balance due on any loan for any vehicles that this Order gives to the Husband alone.
5.  All other debts listed below, which are not in Husband's name alone, such as credit cards, student loans, medical bills, income taxes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Wife's Property**

**Separate Property**

The Court confirms that Wife owns the following property as her separate property: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(List property Wife owned before marriage, or received as a gift or inheritance during marriage, or was awarded as money damages for pain and suffering.)

**Community Property**

The Court ORDERS that Wife is awarded the following Community Property, and Husband is divested of any interest, title, or claim he may have to the property listed below. Husband IS ORDERED to sign any deeds or documents needed to transfer any property listed below to the Wife. Wife is responsible for preparing the documents.

1. All property in Wife's care, custody, or control, or in Wife's name, that this Order does not give to the Husband.

2. House or land located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *City* *State* *Zip*

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Other real property located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *City* *State* *Zip*

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(Check all that apply.)*

4.  All of the Wife's employment benefits, including retirement, pension, profit-sharing, and stock option plans that are in her name alone, along with all individual retirement accounts, such as IRA's that are in her name alone.

5.  All of the Wife's cash and money in any bank or other financial institution that is listed in her name ALONE.

6.  Any insurance policy that covers the Wife's life.

7.  The Wife's cars, trucks, motorcycles or other vehicles listed below:

Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification No. [VIN]

8.  The Wife will also keep the property listed below: \_\_\_\_\_

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9.  The Husband will give Wife the following property when she asks for it: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wife's Debts** (Check all that apply.)

The Wife shall pay the debts listed below:

1.  All taxes, bills, liens, and other charges, present and future, for all personal and real property that are in the Wife's name alone or that this Order gives to the Wife alone, unless this Order requires otherwise.
2.  Any debt Wife incurred after separation. Date of separation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month Day Year*
3.  The balance due on any loan or mortgage for the real property that this Order gives to the Wife alone.

4.  The balance due on any loan for any vehicles that this Order gives to the Wife alone.
5.  All other debts listed below, which are not in Wife's name alone, such as credit cards, student loans, medical bills, income taxes: \_\_\_\_\_
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**VII. NAME CHANGE**

The Court changes the name of the: *(Check one box.)*  Husband  Wife back to the name used before marriage, as it appears below.

\_\_\_\_\_


First Middle Last

**VIII. COURT COSTS**

The Husband will pay for his court costs; the Wife will pay for her court costs.

**IX. OTHER ORDERS**

The court has the right to make other orders, if needed, to clarify or enforce the orders above. Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied.

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Judgment Judge's signature

By signing below, the Petitioner agrees to the terms of this decree.

By signing below, the Respondent agrees to the terms of this decree.

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's Name (print) Phone number

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent's Name (print) Phone number

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent's Signature Date

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_