

Date: _____

Citation: _____

Defendant: _____ v. _____ Town of _____

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Upon a trial held on, _____, you, the defendant, were found guilty in the Brown County Joint Municipal Court and judgment was entered accordingly. The Wisconsin Statutes provide that you have the right to appeal that judgment to the circuit court of the county where the offense allegedly occurred. If you decide to appeal, **you must provide written notice of your decision to the municipal court, get a copy to the prosecuting attorney, pay the statutorily required forfeiture and appeal fees as explained below within 20 days of the TRIAL DISPOSITION DATE.** Time for filing an appeal cannot be extended by the municipal court judge.

You may satisfy all the statutory requirements for an appeal by choosing one of the three types of appeal explained below, by completing and filing this notice and paying the statutorily required forfeiture and fees with this municipal court.

#1. NEW TRIAL BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE WITHOUT A JURY. If you request this type of appeal, a new trial will be held at the Brown County Courthouse. Each side may bring as many witnesses as they like, even if those witnesses did not appear at the original municipal court trial. The Circuit Court Judge will decide whether you are guilty or not guilty based only on the evidence that's introduced at the new trial.

#2. NEW TRIAL IN CIRCUIT COURT BEFORE A JURY. As in the first type, a new trial will be held. However, although a Circuit Court Judge will preside over the trial, a jury will decide whether you are guilty or not guilty.

#3. TRANSCRIPT REVIEW If you request this type of appeal, a written transcript of the testimony will be produced. You will be required to pay for the cost of the transcript. It and all other evidence that was presented during the trial will be sent for review by a Circuit Court Judge. The Circuit Court Judge will read the transcript of the testimonies and consider any exhibits that were introduced, and then determine whether the Municipal Court Judge interpreted and applied the law correctly and whether the evidence was sufficient to sustain the judgment of guilty.

The statutes also require that you must either remit the total amount of the forfeiture plus costs assessed against you upon being found guilty in the Brown County Joint Municipal Court or execute a bond whereby you will become bound to pay any forfeiture and costs awarded on appeal if the Municipal Court judgment is upheld in whole or in part. This court will accept a bond. However, if you cannot afford the appellate filing fee you must apply to the Brown County Circuit Court for a waiver of that fee.

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MAIL TO: Brown County Joint Municipal Court, P.O. Box 278, Wrightstown, WI 54180

I, the undersigned defendant, hereby appeal from the judgment of the Brown County Joint Municipal Court entered on the date shown above. **Check all below that apply according to which type of appeal you are requesting.** My signature is understood by me to comply with the bond requirement explained above.

NEW TRIAL BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE WITHOUT A JURY

- ____ 1. Include a **\$144.50** check or money order payable to "Clerk of Courts".
- ____ 2. Include the required forfeiture plus costs, payable to BC Joint Municipal Court or BCJMC

NEW TRIAL IN CIRCUIT COURT BEFORE A 6-PERSON JURY

- ____ 1. Include a **\$180.50** check or money order payable to "Clerk of Courts".
- ____ 2. Include the required forfeiture plus costs, payable to BC Joint Municipal Court or BCJMC

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

- ____ 1. Include a **\$129.50** check payable to "Clerk of Courts."
- ____ 2. Include the required forfeiture plus costs, payable to BC Joint Municipal Court or BCJMC

You will be notified of the transcript costs.

APPEAL FILING FEE WAIVER.

- ____ 1. I am requesting a court hearing in the Brown County Circuit Court to waive the appellate filing fees.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

You may pay by credit/debit card at www.allpaid.com or by phone 1-888-604-7888 (PLC) pay location code #7750. There is a 10% fee that will be added for the use of this service over the phone. If you pay online at <https://allpaid.com/payments#/plc-search/plc-details/7750> there is a 5.75% fee. These fees may change at any time. **You must use the Brown County Joint Municipal Court (PLC) pay location code 7750 and your citation number.** AllPaid is an independent company that charges a fee for their services. The court does not receive any part of that fee.