

FRANKLIN COUNTY FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROJECT
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Lender's Name

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 2009 CVE _____

Homeowner's Name

Defendant.

REQUEST FOR FORECLOSURE MEDIATION
AND EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER

A Foreclosure Complaint and Summons are in this envelope. This lawsuit could result in the loss of your home. To help you resolve your case, you may request mediation. By requesting mediation, you will also receive a 60 day extension of time to answer the complaint.

In mediation a neutral third party, the mediator, will discuss the concerns and issues you and the other parties raise. The goal in mediation is to exchange critical and current information and to work toward an outcome that is acceptable to all parties. **To participate in mediation, you must first schedule an appointment with a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency.** When you meet with the HUD approved counseling agency they will help you prepare the financial information you need for mediation. They can also help you examine your options. Services of the HUD Approved Counseling Agencies in Franklin County are free, no matter what your income is. Mediation is also a free service. Information about the forms and financial information that you need to prepare with the HUD Counselor as well as information about mediation are available at <http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/homeownerhelpline>.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE: You may also be eligible for the assistance of a volunteer lawyer to represent you in mediation. Call First Link at 211 (614-221-2255) to determine your eligibility for a free lawyer, and for a referral to a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency.

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NEXT STEPS:

You must either:

1. Request mediation by completing the information on the top and back of this form and sending it to the address provided, or
2. File your Answer to the complaint with the Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 369 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215 by the 28th day after you receive this packet from the Common Pleas Court . You must also send a copy of your Answer to the plaintiff's attorney and all other parties and state that you did so in your Answer.

The Lender (Plaintiff) can obtain a foreclosure order after 28 days (from the date you receive the summons and complaint) if you do not either file an Answer (see Summons) or return this request. If a foreclosure order, (default judgment) is granted the county sheriff will hold an auction where all interested parties may bid for the home.

You will receive written notice of the time and date for your mediation. This request only provides an extension of time for filing the Answer. If the mediation is not complete within 60 days, you will have to file an Answer to avoid a foreclosure order.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

This address is my primary residence: Yes No

Home Phone #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

A working telephone number is required to participate in mediation.

- I wish to participate in mediation in order to resolve this case.
- I am also requesting an Extension of Time of 60 days to answer the Complaint so I have an opportunity to attend mediation.

I have an appointment with _____ HUD Approved Counseling Agency on _____.
Name of Agency *Date*

Signature

Date

If you are unable to get an appointment with a HUD-approved counseling agency, please contact Sandra Cunningham at the Franklin County Foreclosure Mediation Project, 614-645-5009 or at Email: foreclosuremediation@fcmcclerk.com.

Once you have completed this form, mail to:
Franklin County Foreclosure Mediation Project
375 S. High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4520.
You may also fax the form to FCFMP at 614-645-8465.