

CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT  
HOUSING DIVISION  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO  
RONALD J.H. O'LEARY, JUDGE

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s)

- VS -

**MOTION TO SEAL  
EVICTION RECORD**

**ORAL HEARING REQUESTED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s)

1. I am a Defendant in this eviction case.
2. On \_\_\_\_\_ (date), this Court  entered an eviction judgment in favor of the landlord or  entered a judgment in my favor on the eviction claim or  dismissed the eviction claim.
3. I am asking this Court to seal the eviction record because:
  - The court dismissed or entered judgment in my favor on the claim for possession; or
  - The landlord dismissed the claim for possession before adjudication of that claim; or
  - The landlord agreed, in writing, to seal the record (a copy of that agreement is attached); or
  - The landlord prevailed on the merits on the claim for possession, and *all* of the following occurred:
    - a. the following extenuating circumstances led to the eviction:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; and
    - b. at least five years have passed since judgment was entered for the landlord; and
    - c. at least five years have passed since I have had an eviction judgment entered against me in any jurisdiction.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. I have attached an affidavit attesting to the relevant facts. I acknowledge that submitting false or misleading information about any facts in the attached affidavit, or on any other paperwork submitted to the Court, may be perjury.
5. I have attached the following documentation to verify grounds stated above:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

I (*check one*) \_\_\_\_\_ hand delivered (*or*) sent a copy of this motion by regular mail to the \_\_\_\_\_ plaintiff (*or*) \_\_\_\_\_ defendant at the address above on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**STATE OF OHIO**

**ss.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

**COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I am eighteen years of age or older.
- 2. I was the tenant/defendant in this case.
- 3. I am moving this court to order the eviction record to be sealed.
- 4. I am moving this court to seal the eviction record because:
  - A. The court dismissed or entered judgment in my favor on the claim for possession; or
  - B. The landlord dismissed the claim for possession before adjudication of that claim; or
  - C. The landlord agreed, in writing, to seal the record, and the Court has not sealed another eviction record for this reason in the last five years; or
  - D. The landlord prevailed on the merits on the claim for possession, and *all* of the following occurred:
    - 1. Extenuating circumstances led to the eviction;
    - 2. At least five years have passed since judgment was entered for the landlord; and
    - 3. At least five years have passed since the tenant has had an adverse judgment granting an eviction in any jurisdiction.
  - E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. *(Only complete if requesting the record be sealed under Item 4.D, above)* Here are all of the complete addresses at which I have lived for the past 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Additional relevant information:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEFENDANT

SWORN TO, BEFORE ME, and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC