

Print court information exactly as it appears on the Petition for Divorce.

Cause Number: _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF

In the _____
Court Number

Petitioner: _____
Print first, middle and last name of the spouse filing for divorce.

And

- District Court
- County Court at Law

Respondent: _____ County, Texas
Print first, middle and last name of other spouse.

AND IN THE INTEREST OF: (List all children you and your spouse have together who are under 18 or still in high school.)

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Final Decree of Divorce

A hearing took place on _____.
Date

There was no jury. Neither the husband nor wife asked for a jury.

1. Appearances

Petitioner

The Petitioner's name is: _____
First Middle Last

The Petitioner is the: (Check one box.) Husband. Wife.

(Check one box.)

- The Petitioner **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready for trial.
- The Petitioner **was present**, representing him/herself, and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Final Decree of Divorce (called "Decree throughout this document).
- 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 box.) Husband. Wife.

(Check one box.)

- The Respondent **was present**, representing him/herself, and announced ready for trial.
- The Respondent **was present**, representing him/herself, and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Decree.
- The Respondent was **not present**, but filed an Answer or Waiver of Service and has signed below agreeing to the terms of this Decree.
- The Respondent was **not present**, but filed a Waiver of Service that waived Respondent's right to notice of this hearing and did not otherwise appear.
- The Respondent was **not present**, but was served and has defaulted. The Petitioner has filed a Certificate of Last Known Address and a Military Status Affidavit.

2. Record

- A Court reporter recorded today's hearing.
- A Court reporter did not record today's hearing because the Husband, Wife, and judge agreed not to make a record.
- A Statement of the Evidence was signed by the Court.

3. Jurisdiction

The Court heard evidence and finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the parties, that the residency and notice requirements have been met, and the *Petition for Divorce* meets all legal requirements.

The Court finds that: *(Check one box.)*

- it has been at least 60 days since the *Petition for Divorce* was filed.
- the 60 day waiting period is not required because: *(Check one box.)*
 - 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 17.292 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure against Respondent because Respondent committed family violence during the marriage.
 - Respondent has a final conviction or has received deferred adjudication for a crime involving family violence against Petitioner or a member of Petitioner's household.

4. Divorce

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

5. Children

5a. Children Husband and Wife Have Together

The Court finds that the Husband and Wife are the parents of the children listed below and that there are no other children born to or adopted by Husband and Wife who are under 18 or still in high school.

(List all adopted and biological children you and your spouse have together who are under 18 or over 18 and still in high school.)

	Child's name	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	State where child lives now
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The Court finds that there are **no other court orders** regarding any of the children listed above.

5b. Disabled Children

The Court finds that the Husband and Wife do **not** have any disabled children of any age.

Remember: Talk to a lawyer if you have a disabled child or an adult disabled child. You or your spouse may be entitled to child support even after the child becomes an adult.

5c. Pregnancy

The Court finds that the Wife is **not** pregnant.

Remember: You cannot finish your divorce while the wife is pregnant.

5d. Children Born during the Marriage, but the Husband is Not the Father

(Check one box.)

- The Court finds that the Wife did **not** have children with another man while married to the Husband.
- The Court finds that the children named below were born to the Wife during the marriage, but are not the Husband's children. The Court further finds that paternity of each child has been established:

Remember: If the wife had children with another man while married to the husband, you cannot finish your divorce until paternity of the children has been established. See Texas Family Code Section 160.204. Get more information about establishing paternity at www.TexasLawHelp.org.

(Check one box.)

- A court order has determined the father of each of child named below. A copy of the order is attached to this Final Decree of Divorce as Exhibit ____.
- An *Acknowledgement of Paternity* signed by the genetic father and a *Denial of Paternity* signed by the Husband has been filed with the Vital Statistics Unit for each child named below. A copy of the *Acknowledgment of Paternity* and *Denial of Paternity* are attached to this Final Decree of Divorce as Exhibit ____.

You must list all children born during the marriage who are not the adopted or biological children of the husband. Paternity of each child must already have been established.

	Child's name	Sex	Date of Birth
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____

6. Parenting Plan

The Court finds that the orders found in the Parenting Plan Exhibits listed below and attached to this Decree are in the best interest of the children Husband and Wife have together. The children are listed by name in section **5a** above.

The Court ORDERS that the orders found in the Parenting Plan Exhibits listed below and attached to this Decree are the orders of this Court and constitute the parenting plan for the children.

The Court further ORDERS that the Parenting Plan Exhibits listed below and attached to this Decree are fully incorporated into and made a part of this Decree for all purposes.

Parenting Plan Exhibits

- Exhibit: Conservatorship (Custody) & Rights and Duties Order
- Exhibit: Standard Possession and Access (Visitation) Order
- Exhibit: Child Support Order
- Exhibit: Medical Support Order
- Exhibit: Family Information

Husband's Community Property

The Court ORDERS that the Husband is awarded (*gets*) the following property as his sole and separate property, and Wife conveys (*gives*) to Husband her interest in the property, and Wife is divested of (*loses*) all right, title, interest and claim in and to that property.

Wife IS ORDERED to sign any deeds or documents needed to transfer any property listed below to the Husband. Husband is responsible for preparing the documents.

- 1. All property in Husband's care, custody or control, or in Husband's name, that this Final Decree of Divorce does not give to the Wife.

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: _____

- 4. All of Husband's employment benefits, including retirement, pension, 401(k), profit-sharing, and stock option plans that are in his name alone, along with all individual retirement accounts, such as IRAs that are in his name alone. (*Note: If you want to divide retirement or employment benefits do NOT use this form. Talk to an attorney.*)

- 5. All cash and money in any bank or other financial institution listed in Husband's name alone.

- 6. Any insurance policy that covers Husband's life.

- 7. Husband's cars, trucks, motorcycles or other vehicles listed below:

Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification No. [VIN]
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Husband will also keep the following property: _____

Husband's Debts

The Husband shall pay the debts listed below:

- 1. All taxes, bills, liens, and other charges, present and future, that are in Husband's name alone or that this Decree gives to the Husband alone, unless this Decree 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 Decree gives to Husband alone.

- 4. The balance due on any loan for any vehicles that this Decree gives to 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*) _____

Wife's Separate Property

(Fill in all lines. If there is no property to declare in any particular category, write "none".)

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

1. **House** located at: _____
Street Address City State Zip

- Wife owned this house before marriage.
- Wife received this house as a gift or inheritance.

2. **Land** located at: _____
Street Address City State Zip

- Wife owned this land before marriage.
- Wife received this land as a gift or inheritance.

3. **Cars, trucks, motorcycles or other vehicles**

Wife owned these vehicles before the marriage or received them as a gift or inheritance during the marriage:

Year	Make	Model	Vehicle Identification No. [VIN]
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. **Other Money or Property**

Wife owned the following money or property *before* the marriage:

Wife inherited or received as a gift the following money or personal property *during* the marriage:

Wife received the following money recovery for personal injuries that occurred during the marriage that was not for lost wages or medical expenses:

Wife's Community Property

The Court ORDERS that the Wife is awarded (*gets*) the following property as her sole and separate property, and Husband conveys (*gives*) to Wife his interest in the property, and Husband is divested of (*loses*) all right, title, interest and claim in and to that property.

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 personal property in Wife's care, custody, or control, or in Wife's name, that this Decree 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: _____

10. Court Costs

The costs of court shall be paid by the party who incurred them to the extent the party is required to pay such costs. A party who filed an *Affidavit of Indigency* is not required to pay costs, unless a contest to the *Affidavit of Indigency* was sustained by the Court in a separate written order.

11. Other Orders

The court has the right to make other orders, if needed, to clarify or enforce the orders above.

12. Final Orders

Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied. This Decree is a final judgment that disposes of all claims and all parties and is appealable.

Judge's Name

_____ 
Judge's signature

Date of Judgment

By signing below, the Petitioner agrees to the form and substance of this Decree.

Petitioner's Name (print)

Phone number

→ _____
Petitioner's Signature

Date

Mailing Address: _____

By signing below, the Respondent agrees to the form and substance of this Decree.

Respondent's Name (print)

Phone number

→ _____
Respondent's Signature

Date

Mailing Address: _____
