

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORT AND PATERNITY PACKET

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS PACKET

“Petitioner”: The first and last name of the person who is filing this action

“Respondent”: The other party’s first and last name

“Case Number”: Leave this field blank if you are preparing to file a new case

Your financial testimony is required

You must complete a *Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit* documenting all of your own income, assets, expenses and liabilities. This document is your financial testimony given under oath.

OPTIONAL FORM:

If you are unable to afford the filing fees, you may ask the Court to waive the fees by completing the [Affidavit of Indigence and Eligibility to Proceed in Forma Pauperis \(Pauper’s Packet\)](#) and submit along with your other completed forms to the Clerk of Superior Court.

Alternative to filing a court case: Georgia Department of Child Support Services

You may open a case with the Georgia Department of Child Support Services by visiting their local office and making an application for modification of your out-of-state child support order. There is a small fee for the application, which can be downloaded at: <http://dcss.dhs.georgia.gov/application-services>. Enforcement through Child Support Services includes:

- Income deduction order
- Tax return intercept
- Driver’s license suspension
- Property liens
- Additional methods up to and including prosecution for contempt

General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form

☐ Superior or ☐ State Court of _____ County

For Clerk Use Only

Date Filed _____
MM-DD-YYYY

Case Number _____

Plaintiff(s)

Last	First	Middle I.	Suffix	Prefix
____	____	____	____	____
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Defendant(s)

Last	First	Middle I.	Suffix	Prefix
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____

Plaintiff's Attorney _____

Bar Number _____

Self-Represented ☐

Check One Case Type in One Box

General Civil Cases

- ☐ Automobile Tort
- ☐ Civil Appeal
- ☐ Contract
- ☐ Garnishment
- ☐ General Tort
- ☐ Habeas Corpus
- ☐ Injunction/Mandamus/Other Writ
- ☐ Landlord/Tenant
- ☐ Medical Malpractice Tort
- ☐ Product Liability Tort
- ☐ Real Property
- ☐ Restraining Petition
- ☐ Other General Civil

Domestic Relations Cases

- ☐ Adoption
- ☐ Dissolution/Divorce/Separate Maintenance
- ☐ Family Violence Petition
- ☐ Paternity/Legitimation
- ☐ Support – IV-D
- ☐ Support – Private (non-IV-D)
- ☐ Other Domestic Relations

Post-Judgment – Check One Case Type

- ☐ Contempt
 - ☐ Non-payment of child support, medical support, or alimony
- ☐ Modification
- ☐ Other/Administrative

- ☐ Check if the action is related to another action(s) pending or previously pending in this court involving some or all of the same parties, subject matter, or factual issues. If so, provide a case number for each.

Case Number

Case Number

- ☐ I hereby certify that the documents in this filing, including attachments and exhibits, satisfy the requirements for redaction of personal or confidential information in O.C.G.A. § 9-11-7.1.

- ☐ Is an interpreter needed in this case? If so, provide the language(s) required. _____
Language(s) Required

- ☐ Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? If so, please describe the accommodation request.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION

NUMBER: _____

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This _____ day of _____, 20_____.

**Richard T. Alexander, Jr.,
Clerk of Superior Court**

**By _____
Deputy Clerk**

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach addendum sheet for additional parties if needed, make notation on this sheet if addendum sheet is used.

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____,
Plaintiff,
vs. _____,
Defendant.

Civil Action
Case Number _____

PETITION FOR SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

My name is _____ and I am representing myself in this petition. In support of my case, I state the following:

1. **Subject Matter Jurisdiction:** I am the Petitioner in this action and:
[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]
 - ☐ (a) I am a resident of the State of Georgia.
 - ☐ (b) I am not a resident of the State of Georgia, but Respondent is a resident of the State of Georgia.
2. **Jurisdiction and Venue:**
[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]
 - ☐ (a) The Respondent is a resident of Gwinnett County, Georgia and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
 - ☐ (b) The Respondent is a resident of _____ County, Georgia, but I live in Gwinnett County. The Respondent has acknowledged service of process and consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.
3. **Service of Process:** The Respondent shall be served as provided under OCGA § 9-11-4, in the following manner:
[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]

☐ (a) The Respondent has acknowledged service of process. I am filing the *Acknowledgment of Service* (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition.

☐ (b) The Respondent may be served by the Sheriff's Department at the Respondent's
☐ home ☐ work address, which is

4. **Minor Children:** *[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]*

The Respondent and I are the parents of _____ minor child(ren), listed below:

<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Male / Female</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>

5. The Respondent has:
[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]

☐ (a) had his paternity of the child(ren) determined in another action. The court, the case number and the nature of the proceeding are as follows: _____

☐ (b) has signed an acknowledgment of paternity of the child(ren).

6. The Respondent and I have a joint and several duty to provide support for the child(ren) pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-24.

7. The Respondent has failed to provide adequate support for the child(ren).
8. **Child Support:** The Respondent has income or is capable of earning sufficient money to support the minor child(ren).
9. **Health Insurance for Children:** *[Check only one of these, either (a), (b) or (c).]*
- ☐ (a) The Respondent should be ordered to maintain a policy for medical, dental and hospitalization insurance for the minor children.
- ☐ (b) I already provide health insurance for the children, and the Respondent should be required to reimburse me for a fair share of the cost each month.
- ☐ (c) I am not asking the Court to address this issue in this case.
10. **Other Medical Expenses for Children:** *[Check only one of these: (a), (b) or (c).]*
- ☐ (a) The Respondent should be responsible for all expenses incurred for the children's medical, dental and hospital care that are not covered by insurance.
- ☐ (b) The Respondent and I should share the cost of expenses incurred for the children's medical, dental and hospital care that are not covered by insurance.
- ☐ (c) I am not asking the Court to address this issue in this case.
11. **Life Insurance to Support Children:** *[Check only one of these, either (a), (b) or (c).]*
- ☐ (a) The children depend on the Respondent for support, and therefore the Respondent should maintain a policy of insurance on the Respondent's life, with a face amount of \$_____, for the benefit of the minor children. The Respondent should maintain the policy for so long as at least one of the children is a minor or is otherwise entitled to child support.
- ☐ (b) I am not asking the Court to address this issue in this case.
12. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 19-7-42 and 19-7-43, Petitioner requests that Respondent's paternity of the child be determined and that Respondent be ordered to provide support for the child.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the following:

- (a) That Respondent be served notice of this Petition as provided by law;

- (b) That Respondent's paternity of the minor child(ren) be determined pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 19-7-42 and 19-7-43;
- (c) That the Respondent be ordered to pay the Petitioner support for the minor child(ren) in accordance with the child support guidelines, O.C.G.A. §19-6-15;
- ☐ (d) That the Respondent be ordered to maintain medical and dental insurance for the child, and be ordered to pay any medical and dental expenses incurred on behalf of the child that are not covered by insurance;
- ☐ (e) That the Respondent be ordered to maintain an insurance policy on his/her life for the benefit of the child(ren);
- ☐ (f) That an income deduction order be entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-6-32;
- (g) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation to try to resolve this matter;
- (h) That the Respondent be required to pay all costs of this action; and
- (i) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, Pro se (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: center;">Petitioner,</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;">vs.</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: center;">Respondent.</div>	<div>Civil Action</div> <div>Case Number <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div></div>
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VERIFICATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, the above-named Petitioner, who after having been duly sworn, on oath depose and states that the facts contained in the foregoing *Petition for Support and Paternity* are true and correct.

Dated:

Petitioner *Pro se* (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn before me on

, 20____.

Notary Public

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaintiff,
v.

Civil Action
File No.: _____

Defendant.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

1. I swear and affirm under oath that the following financial information is true and complete:

My Name: _____ **My Age:** _____
Other Party's Name: _____ **Other Party's Age:** _____
Date of Marriage: _____ **Date of Separation:** _____

Names and birth dates of children for whom support is to be determined in this action:

Name	Year of Birth	Resides with
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Names and ages of my other children (under the age of 18):

Name	Age	Resides with
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. SUMMARY OF MY INCOME AND NEEDS (*complete this section last*)

(a) Gross monthly income (from item 3A) _____

(b) Net monthly income (from item 3B) _____

(c) Average monthly expenses (item 5A) _____

(d) Monthly payments to creditors _____

Total monthly expenses and payments to creditors (item 5C) _____

3. A. MY GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (complete this section or attach Child Support Schedule A)

(All income must be entered based on monthly average regardless of date of receipt.)

Salary or Wages

ATTACH COPIES OF 2 MOST RECENT WAGE STATEMENTS

Commissions, Fees, Tips

Income from self-employment, partnership, close corporations,
and independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary
and necessary expenses required to produce income)

ATTACH SHEET ITEMIZING YOUR CALCULATIONS

Rental Income (gross receipts minus ordinary and
necessary expenses required to produce income)

ATTACH SHEET ITEMIZING YOUR CALCULATIONS

Bonuses

Overtime Payments

Severance Pay

Recurring Income from Pensions or Retirement Plans

Interest and Dividends

Trust Income

Income from Annuities

Capital Gains	_____
Social Security Disability or Retirement Benefits	_____
Workers' Compensation Benefits	_____
Unemployment Benefits	_____
Judgments from Personal Injury or Other Civil Cases	_____
Gifts (cash or other gifts that can be converted to cash)	_____
Prizes/Lottery Winnings	_____
Child support from persons not in this case	_____
Assets which are used for support of family	_____
Fringe Benefits (if significantly reduce living expenses)	_____
Any other income (do NOT include means-tested public assistance, such as TANF or food stamps)	_____
GROSS MONTHLY INCOME	_____

B. Affiant's Net Monthly Income from employment
(deducting only state and federal taxes and FICA) _____

Affiant's pay period (i.e., weekly, monthly, etc. _____

Number of Exemptions Claimed _____

4. ASSETS

(If you claim or agree that all or part of an asset is non-marital, indicate the non-marital portion under the appropriate spouse's column and state the amount and the basis: pre-marital, gift, inheritance, source of funds, etc.).

Description	Value	Plaintiff's Separate Asset	Defendant's Separate Asset	Basis of the Claim
Cash	_____	_____	_____	_____
Investment accounts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Certificates (stocks/bonds)	_____	_____	_____	_____

Bank Accounts
(list each account):

Description	Value	Plaintiff's Separate Asset	Defendant's Separate Asset	Basis of the Claim
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Retirement Pensions, 401K, IRA, or Profit Sharing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Money owed you:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tax Refund owed you:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Real Estate:				
Home:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other:	: Debt owed			
	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Debt owed			
Automobiles/Vehicles:				
Vehicle 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Debt owed			
Vehicle 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Debt owed			
Life Insurance (net cash value):	_____	_____	_____	_____
Furniture/furnishings:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jewelry:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Collectibles:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Assets:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Assets: _____

5. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR MY HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

Mortgage or Rent payments	_____	Gas	_____
Property taxes	_____	Repairs & Maintenance	_____
Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance	_____	Lawn care	_____
Electricity	_____	Pest control	_____
Water	_____	Cable TV/Internet	_____
Garbage & sewer	_____	Misc. household & Grocery items	_____
Telephone	_____	Meals Outside Home	_____
Residential Lines	_____	Other (<i>Specify</i>)	_____
Cellular Telephones	_____		
Total Household Expenses	\$ _____		

VEHICLE/AUTOMOTIVE

Gasoline & Oil	_____	Auto tags/Registration & License	_____
Repairs & Maintenance	_____	Insurance	_____
Public Transportation	_____		
Total Transportation Expenses	\$ _____		

OTHER VEHICLES (boats, trailers, RVs, etc.)

Gasoline & Oil	_____	Tags/Registration/License	_____
Repairs & Maintenance	_____	Insurance	_____
Total Other Vehicles Expenses	\$ _____		

CHILDREN'S EXPENSES

Child Care (total monthly cost)	_____	Allowances	_____
School tuition	_____	Clothing	_____
Tutoring	_____	Diapers	_____

Private lessons (e.g., music, dance)

School Supplies/Expenses

Lunch money

Other Educational Expenses (list type & amount):

Activities (including extra-curricular, school, religious, cultural, etc.)

Total Children's Expenses

\$

Medical/Dental/Prescriptions

Grooming, Hygiene

Gifts from children to others

Entertainment

Summer Camps

INSURANCE

Health

Dental

Vision

Life Insurance

Disability

Child(ren)'s portion-health

Child(ren)'s portion – dental

Child(ren)'s portion – vision

Beneficiary – Life

Other Insurance (specify)

Total Insurance Expenses

\$

Total Child(ren)'s Portion

\$

OTHER EXPENSES

Dry cleaning & laundry

Clothing

Medical/Dental/Prescription (out of pocket uncovered expenses)

Your Gifts (special holidays)

Entertainment

Recreational Expenses (e.g. fitness)

Vacations

Travel expenses for visitation

Publications

Dues, Clubs

Religious & Charities

Pet expenses

Alimony paid to former spouse

Child support paid for other children

Date of initial CS order:

Other (attach sheet to list)

Total Other Expenses

\$

5(A) TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

(add household, transportation, children's, insurance, and other expenses)

\$

B. PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS

(please check one)

To Whom:	Balance Due	Monthly Payment	Plaintiff	Defendant

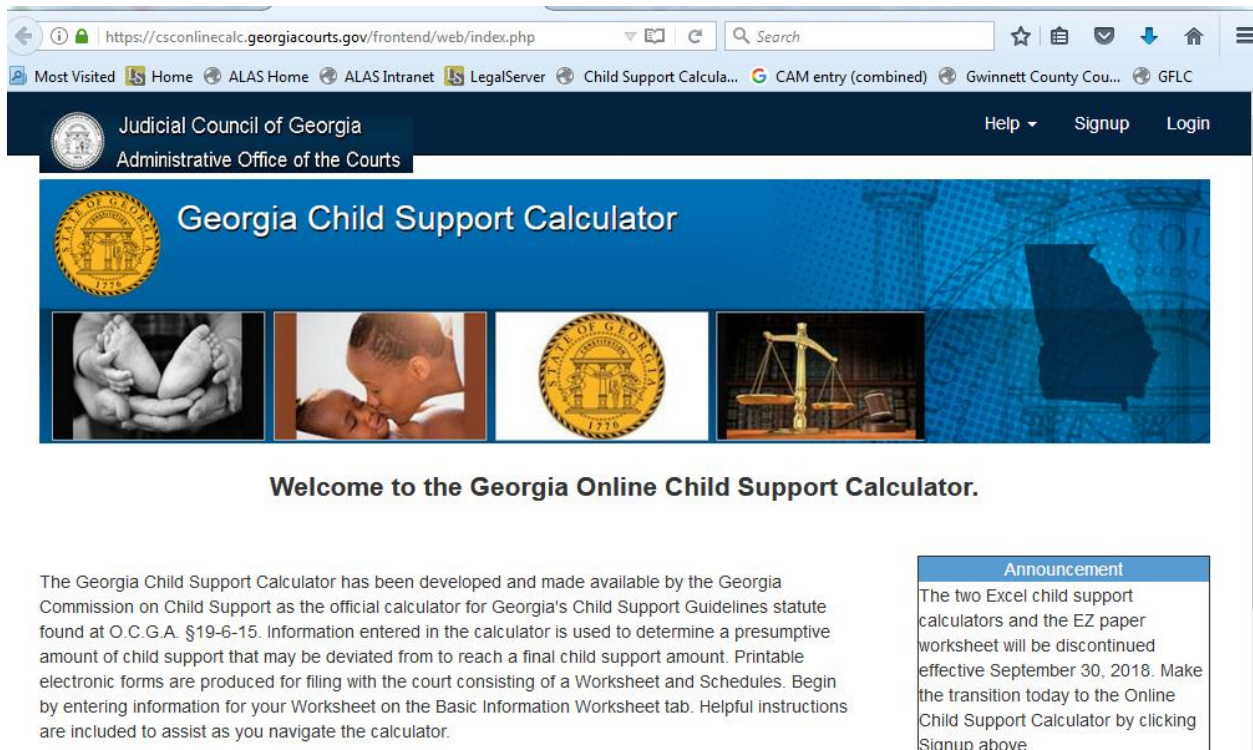
5(B) TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS: \$ _____**5(C) TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES AND PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS:** \$ _____

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

(signature)_____
Printed Name
☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant signs and affirms
under oath that the information contained in
this *Financial Affidavit* is complete true and
correct._____
NOTARY PUBLIC

Child Support Worksheet

Create an account and create your child support worksheet by visiting:
<https://csconlinecalc.georgiacourts.gov/frontend/web/index.php>



Judicial Council of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts

Help Signup Login

Georgia Child Support Calculator

Welcome to the Georgia Online Child Support Calculator.

The Georgia Child Support Calculator has been developed and made available by the Georgia Commission on Child Support as the official calculator for Georgia's Child Support Guidelines statute found at O.C.G.A. §19-6-15. Information entered in the calculator is used to determine a presumptive amount of child support that may be deviated from to reach a final child support amount. Printable electronic forms are produced for filing with the court consisting of a Worksheet and Schedules. Begin by entering information for your Worksheet on the Basic Information Worksheet tab. Helpful instructions are included to assist as you navigate the calculator.

Announcement
The two Excel child support calculators and the EZ paper worksheet will be discontinued effective September 30, 2018. Make the transition today to the Online Child Support Calculator by clicking Signup above.

For additional help, please review the Child Support Worksheet slideshow at:
<http://gwinnettfllc.atlantalegalaid.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Child-Support-Slideshow.pdf>

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____	:	
	:	
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	Civil Action File No.:
v.	:	
_____	:	_____
	:	
Defendant.	:	
	:	
	:	
	:	

CHILD SUPPORT ADDENDUM

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2), the Court makes the following applicable and required findings:

1. This addendum is issued as:

☐ a final; ☐ a temporary; in
☐ an initial action; ☐ a modification action.

2. The Gross Income of the Father is \$_____ per month. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(C).

The Gross Income of the Mother is \$_____ per month. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(C).

(SEE CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET(S) OF ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Court,
☐ DATED/ ☐ FILED _____ INCORPORATED BY
REFERENCE HEREIN.) O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(m)(1).

3. Is health insurance for the child(ren) involved reasonably available at a reasonable cost to either parent? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, then ☐ (a) father, OR ☐ (b) mother, OR ☐ (c) both parents, shall provide accident and sickness insurance for the child(ren) for as long as child support continues. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(D).

4. Mother shall pay _____% and Father shall pay _____% of all expenses incurred for the children's health care (including medical, dental, mental health, hospital and vision care) that are not covered by insurance. The party who incurs such expense shall provide documentation thereof to the other party within fourteen days of said expenditure with a short note explaining the details, the reasons, et cetera, of said expenditure. The other party shall reimburse the incurring party (or pay the health care provider directly) for the appropriate percentage of the expense, within fourteen days after receiving the verification of a particular health care expense. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(G).
5. Pursuant to the visitation schedule, the noncustodial parent's parenting time is _____ percent annually. (*Standard Visitation with alternating weekends, holidays plus 2 weeks during the summer represents 20.8% parenting time for the noncustodial parent. With three weeks of summer vacation, the noncustodial parent's parenting time is 22.8% and with four weeks of summer vacation, the noncustodial parent's parenting time is 24.7%.*). O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(F).
6. The presumptive amount of child support as indicated by the *Child Support Worksheet* (#9 on Page 1 thereon) is \$_____ per month for Mother and \$_____ per month for Father. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(A) and (B).
7. Deviation(s)
- a. ☐ *No Deviation. (If NO deviation, please skip the remaining items in item 7 and continue to item 8 to complete this form.)*
- b. ☐ *Deviation. If DEVIATION, you MUST complete EITHER item 7(b)(i) OR item 7(b)(ii)*
- ii. ☐ It has been determined that one or more of the Deviations allowed under O.C.G.A. §19-6-15 applies in this case. *Schedule E* of the *Child Support Worksheet*, docketed separately but simultaneously herewith, explains the reasons for the deviation, how the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate considering the relative ability of each parent to provide support, and how the best interest of the children who are subject to this child support determination is served by deviation from the presumptive amount of child support.

OR

iii. ☐ The reasons for deviation are:

☐ Would the presumption amount be unjust or inappropriate?

Explain_____

☐ Would deviation serve the best interests of the children for whom support is being determined? Explain_____

☐ Would deviation seriously impair the ability of the CUSTODIAL or NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT to maintain adequate housing, food and clothing for the children being supported by the order and to provide other basic necessities. Explain_____

8. Taking into consideration all of the applicable data from the *Child Support Worksheet*, the award of child support which ☐ Mother / ☐ Father shall pay to ☐ Mother / ☐ Father for support of the child(ren) is \$_____dollars per month. Said amount shall be payable ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ bi-weekly ☐ semi-monthly OR ☐ (c) other period: _____ in the amount of \$_____ beginning on _____, and payable thereafter on payable ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ bi-weekly ☐ semi-monthly OR ☐ (c) other period: _____ until the child becomes 18 years of age, dies, marries, or otherwise becomes emancipated, except that if the child becomes 18 years of age while enrolled in and attending secondary school on a full-time basis, then such support shall continue until the child completes secondary school provided that such support shall not be required after the child attains 20 years of age. O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15(c)(2)(A) and (B).

So found, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Judge, Superior Court Gwinnett Judicial Circuit
[] by designation.

Consented to by:

Plaintiff

Defendant

Date

Date

General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Disposition Information Form

☐ Superior or ☐ State Court of _____ County

For Clerk Use Only

Date Disposed _____
MM-DD-YYYY

Case Number _____

Case Style _____

Plaintiff(s)

Last	First	Middle I.	Suffix	Prefix
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____

Defendant(s)

Last	First	Middle I.	Suffix	Prefix
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____
____	____	____	____	____

Reporting Party _____

Plaintiff's Attorney _____

Bar Number _____

Self-Represented ☐

Defendant's Attorney _____

Bar Number _____

Self-Represented ☐

Manner of Disposition Check Only One

- ☐ Jury Trial
☐ Bench/Non-Jury Trial
☐ Non-Trial Disposition
☐ Alternative Dispute Resolution

- ☐ Check if any party was self-represented at any point during the life of the case.
- ☐ Check if the court ordered an interpreter for any party, witness, or other involved individual.
- ☐ Was the case referred/ordered to a court-annexed alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process?

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE BY GWINNETT COUNTY SHERIFF

- ☐ 1. Double check that you have signed all of your documents.
- ☐ 2. Make 2 copies of all of the forms.
- ☐ 3. The filing fee for a new case file is \$204. You may pay with check, cash, or money order.
- ☐ 4. Go to the Clerk of Superior Court. Give all of the copies to the clerk to have them stamped. The clerk will keep the original. One copy is yours to keep.
- ☐ 5. One copy goes to the Gwinnett County Sheriff. You must pay separately for their service of Summons, which is \$50 if you have not obtained a fee waiver.
- ☐ 6. The Sheriff will send you a copy of proof the opposing party has been served. You should contact the court, or visit the website to confirm the Sheriff's entry of service has been documented for your case.
- ☐ 7. Wait for notice of a court date or request for additional information from the court or from the other side.

Courthouse Information

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center
ATTN: Clerk of Superior Court
75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Tel: (770) 822-8100