<u>Instructions for RESPONDING to Divorce Proceeding – Without Children</u>

(You may need to copy or download the following forms: Instructions, Answer, Voluntary Entry of Appearance, Domestic Relations Affidavit, Notice of Final Hearing and Decree of Divorce. These forms are for use in responding to divorce actions when the filing person and spouse do not have any children from their relationship together.)

Read these directions carefully and completely. When completing forms, type or print neatly in ink.

WARNINGS

- 1. The forms provided by the Judicial Council are basic forms for simple divorces. They do not deal with every divorce situation. A divorce can be complicated and using legal forms without an attorney's help can harm your legal rights.
- 2. The Clerk of the District Court cannot help you prepare these forms. The Clerk cannot give legal advice about your rights or responsibilities and can only provide very limited information about the divorce process. If you have any questions, you should contact an attorney.
- 3. It is illegal for anyone who is not licensed to practice law in Kansas to: (A) give another person advice about that other person's legal rights or duties; (B) help another person to select, draft, or complete any legal document that affects the other person's rights or duties; (C) represent another person in court; and (D) help another person negotiate legal rights or responsibilities. If you paid a company for these forms, contact the Attorney General's consumer complaint hotline and the Kansas Judicial Council.
- 4. Courts require anyone filing a divorce case to follow court rules. You must follow the court rules or you will not be able to finish your case. Self-represented persons are expected to know the rules as if you were an attorney.
- 5. IF YOUR SPOUSE IS ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY, YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY BECAUSE YOU MUST MEET SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 6. Property decisions are binding on you and your spouse and may not be changed. Agreements are NOT binding on, and do not affect the rights of anyone other than you and your spouse.
- 7. If one spouse is to receive part of the other spouse's retirement benefits, additional documents may be needed to complete the transfer. You will need to seek the advice of an attorney to complete this process because it is outside the scope of these forms.

Facts About Filing for Divorce in Kansas:

	☐ You or your spouse must have lived in Kansas for at least sixty (60) days before filing a
	Petition for Divorce with the court.
	☐ You must start the legal process by filing certain documents, and paying a filing fee, with
	the Clerk of the District Court in the county where you or your spouse lives.
	Once your case is filed, you will be given a case number which must be on all documents you file with the court in the future.
	☐ If you are filing for a divorce without the assistance of an attorney, you are responsible
	for completing all the necessary forms and the Clerk of the District Court cannot help you prepare any legal documents or provide any legal advice.
	☐ Once you have filed your Petition for Divorce, it is important that you inform the Clerk
	of the District Court if you or your spouse's address changes.
	☐ Terminology:
	\square Petitioner = Person who files the Petition
	\square Respondent = Person who did not file the Petition
	☐ Parties = Petitioner and Respondent
□ Case	e Caption:
	The section above the title of every document is called the case caption. It identifies which county the case was filed in, the case number, and the names of the people involved in the case. The person who originally filed the petition is listed on the top line and is called the "Petitioner." The person who did not file the petition is listed on the lower line and is called the "Respondent." These name designations remain the same for the entire case including in all documents filed with the court after the divorce is final

Instructions for responding to a divorce action:

- 1. You have the right to file an Answer to a Petition for Divorce, but you are not required to do so. If you are on active military duty you should not file an Answer before seeking the advice of an attorney.
- 2. If you choose to respond to the Petition for Divorce, complete the Answer and the Domestic Relations Affidavit.
- 3. Sign the Answer in front of a notary public. Notary publics may commonly be found in law firms, title companies and financial institutions, i.e. banks and credit unions.

4.	File wi	th the Clerk of the District Court:
		the original Answer with required copies;
		the original Domestic Relations Affidavit with required copies; and
		the Voluntary Entry of Appearance, if not already filed.
	(Check require	with the Clerk or the local rules to determine the number of additional copies ed.)
		ne District Court will place a stamp ("file stamp") on the front of each cating when it was received.
5.	file-sta Affida Petition	same day you file documents with the Clerk of the District Court, you must mail a mped copy of all documents filed with the court (the Answer, Domestic Relations vit, Voluntary Entry of Appearance) via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the ner and Petitioner's attorney, if any. You may be able to find the most recent s for the Petitioner or Petitioner's attorney on the Petition.
		=== Instructions prepared by the Kansas Judicial Council ========

In the	e Matter of the Marriage of	
Petiti	ioner	Case No
and		Division
Defe	ndant	
	"Petitioner" means "Respondent" means	N FOR DIVORCE (without children) The person who filed the Petition. The person who is filing this Answer. The Petitioner and Respondent.
1.	I am now living at:(city),(st	(Street address), ate) and I have lived in Kansas Other:
2.	My spouse is now living at: (city), since	(Street (state) Unknown, and has lived in Kansas Other: (date).
3.		and year: in the and have been married since that
4.	We are incompatible and should receive	a divorce.
5.	We do not now have any children from o	our relationship who are under the age of 19.
	☐ Neither party is pregnant.	
	Or	
	(Name of Petitioner or Respondent)	_ is pregnant at the time this answer is filed.
	Or □ Unknown.	

6.	The court should distribute the marital property and debts as agreed upon or as the court may decide.
7.	I ☐ do ☐ do not request spousal support.
8.	I am am not now on active duty with the United States Military. (If you are now on active duty, see instruction #1 before proceeding further.)
9.	I deny any conflicting statements made in the Petition for Divorce.
Option	al:
10.	☐ I request to be restored to the following former name:
	al hearing, the court should grant a divorce, divide the property and debts between ner and Respondent, and issue other appropriate orders.
	X Signature of Respondent Name (Print): Address 1: Address 2: City, State, Zip: Telephone Number:
	<u>VERIFICATION</u> E OF KANSAS ITY OF WYANDOTTE
I swear this ans	r or affirm that the statements made in this Answer are true and that I am the person filing swer.
	X Signature of Respondent
SUBSO	CRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, this day of
	Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND MAILING

I certify that on this da	ay of	, 20	, I sent a true copy of	
this Answer by depositing it in the	he United States mail,	, postage pre	epaid, addressed to:	
(Name and address of Petitioner))			
and				
(Name and address of Petitioner	's attorney, if any)			
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	X	25 1		
	Signature of	of Responder	nt	
	Name (Prir	nt)·		
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In the Matter of the Marriage of	
Petitioner	Case No
and	Cust 110
Respondent (person filing this voluntary entry of appear	rance)
"Petitioner" means the pe	Y OF APPEARANCE rson who filed the Petition. on who did not file the Petition.
I am the person against whom this divorce is filed. I recease. I am not requiring that the sheriff or other person may require. I am am not a member of the armoduty military service, I do do not give up my rig this case.	hand me the summons and petition as Kansas law ed forces on active-duty service. If I am on active
	XSignature of Respondent
	Name (Print):
	Address 1:
	Address 2:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
ACKNOWL	EDGEMENT
STATE OF KANSAS)	DD GEMENT
COUNTY OF) ss.	
On this day of, 20	nent, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed this nt. IN WITNESS , I have set my hand and affixed
	Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND MAILING

	, 20, I sent a true copy of
this Voluntary Entry of Appearance by depositing it	t in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed
to:	
(Name and address of Petitioner)	·
and	
(Name and address of Petitioner's attorney, if any)	·
	X
	Signature of Respondent
	Name (Print):

Domestic Relations Affidavit

IN THE 29th JUDICIAL DISTRICT WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE	E MATTER OF					
Party N	Vame					
and				Case No)	
Party N	ame					
DOME	STIC RELATIO		me)			
1.	Party Name	Residence				
2.	Party Name Party Name	Birth Month/Year Residence	XXX- Social Se	-XX ecurity Number	Tele	ephone
	Party Name	Birth Month/Year		XX curity Number	Tele	ephone
3.	Date of Marria	ge:				
4.	Number of Ma	nrriages:Party Name		Party Na	me	
5.	Number of chil	ldren of the relationship:				
6.	Names, Social the relationship	Security Numbers, the no:	nonth and ye	ear of each child's bi	rth and ages o	of minor children of
Name		Social Security Num	ıber 	Birth Month/Year	Age	Custodian

Name				Payment\$	Paid or Rec'd
				\$	
				<u> </u>	
	Party	Name is employed by (name)			
		(address)			
	Party	Name is employed by (name)			
		(address)			
with n	nonthly i	income as follows:			
A.	Wage	Earner	Party Name	Party Na	me
	1.	Gross Income	\$	<u> </u>	
	2.	Other Income	\$		
	3.	Subtotal Gross Income	\$		
	4.	Federal Withholding	\$		
		(Claiming exemptions)			
	5.	Federal Income Tax	\$	\$	
	6.	OASDHI	\$	<u> </u>	
	7.	Kansas Withholding	\$	\$	
	8. 9.	Subtotal Deductions Net Income	\$ \$	\$	
			*		
3.	Self-I	Employed	Party Name	Party Na	me
	1.	Gross Income from			
	•	self-employment	\$	\$	
	2.	Other Income	\$	\$	
	3.	Subtotal Gross Income	\$	\$	
	4.	Reasonable Business Expenses ((-) \$	\$	
	5.	(Itemize on attached exhibit) Self-Employment Tax (-)	\$	\$	
	5. 6.	Business Net Income	\$ \$	 \$	
	0. 7.	Estimated Tax Payments	\$ \$	 \$	
	/ •	(Claim exemptions)	Φ	Φ	
	8.	Federal Income Tax	\$	\$	
	9.	Kansas Withholding	\$		
	10.	Subtotal Deductions	\$ \$	Ψ	

Names, Social Security Numbers, and ages of minor children of previous relationships and facts as to

7.

	11.	Net Ind (Line I	come 3.3. minus Line B.9.)	\$	\$
av pe	eriod:				
J P		Party N	Name	Party Name	
١.	The l	iquid asse	ts of the parties are:		
			Item	Amount	Joint or Individual (Specify)
	A. Ch	ecking Ac	ecounts (Do not list account	numbers):	
			\$		
	B Say	vings Acco	\$s ounts (Do not list account n		
	D. Su	, mgs rice.	\$	unicers).	
			\$		
	C. Ca				
		rty Name	\$		
	Par D. Otl	rty Name	\$		
			\$		
	A.		Item	Party Name (Actual or Estimated)	Party Name (Actual or Estimated)
		1.	Rent	\$	\$
		2.	Food	\$	\$
		3.	Utilities/services:		
			Trash Service	\$	\$
			Newspaper	\$	\$ \$
			Telephone Cell Phone	\$ \$	\$ \$
			Cable	\$ \$	\$
			Gas	\$	\$
			Water	\$	\$
			Lights	\$	\$
			Other	\$	\$
		4.	Insurance:	Ф	•
			Life	\$	\$
			Health Car	\$	<u>ъ</u>
			Car House/Rental	\$	Φ
			Other	\$	Ψ \$
		5.	Medical and dental	\$	\$ \$
		6.	Prescriptions drugs	\$	\$ \$
		7	Children (work related)	•	¢

	1 1 1		Childcare (non-work-rela Clothing School expenses Haircuts and beauty Car repair Gas and oil Personal property tax	sssssssss			\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	
			Item		arty Na Actual c	me or Estimated) (Actua	Party Name l or Estimated)
	1	5.	Miscellaneous (Specify)	\$			\$ \$	
	1	6	.Debt Payments (Specify)				\$ \$	
			Total	\$			\$	
*Show h	nouse paym	nents, m	ortgage payments, etc., in	Section 10.	В.			
B.	amount in PART 10.	each co	ts to banks, loan companie olumn; use asterisk for sec VE. Amount of					CLUDED IN
Creditor		ncurred		Last Paym	ent	Balance	•	·
					\$		Party Name	Party Name \$
					\$		\$ \$	- \$
					\$		\$	\$
					\$		\$	\$
					\$		\$	_ \$
					\$		\$	_ \$
						of Payments		\$
				Тс	otal		\$	\$
C.	Total Livi	ng Exp	enses					
						Party Name (Actual or I		Party Name ctual or Estimated)
	1	Botl	al funds available to			\$		\$
	2	. Tota	m No. 8) al needed m No. 10.A and B)			\$		\$
	3		Balance			\$		\$
			ected child support			\$		\$
		3						

	Source	Party Name	Party Name
	(+/-) (+/-)	\$ \$	\$ \$
1.	How much does the party who prov \$ per	to furnish health insurance only	
URN	ISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMAT	TION IF APPLICABLE.	
2.	Income and financial resources of c	hildren.	
	Income/Resources		Amount \$\$
3.	Child support adjustments requested	d	
	parenting time adjustment income tax consideration special needs other:	agreement past ma long distance pare overall financial c	enting time
4.	All other personal property includin as profit-sharing, pension, IRA, 401	(k), or other savings-type emplo	oyee benefits, nonqualified plans, ar
	deferred income plans), and owners identified as to nature or description		
), and actual or estimated value. (Specify)
не г	identified as to nature or description Joint or Individual	, ownership (joint or individual Amount \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	(Specify)
HE F 5.	Joint or Individual	Amount \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$S \$S \$SHED IN POST JUDGMENT	(Specify) PROCEDURES.

16.	Identify the property, if any, acquired by each of the parties prior to marriage or acquired during marriage by a will or inheritance.						
	Property Descrip	otion	Ownership	Source of Ownership	Actual/ Estimated Value		
17.		of payor or payor	rs and payees, balance di	n Section 10.A or 10.B abuse and rate at which paya			
Debt Obliga	tion	Payor	Payee	Balance Payment Due Rate			
8.	List health insurance coverage and the right, pursuant to ERISA §§ 601-608, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1161-1168 (1986), to continued coverage by the spouse who is not a member of the covered employee group.						
	Health Insuran				Continuation . No Unknown		
	are under penalty omplete.	of perjury und	er the laws of the State	e of Kansas that the for	regoing is true, correct		
	Executed on th	e day	of	, 20			
				nt):			

In the Matter of the Marriage of	
	Case No
Petitioner	
and	
Respondent	
-	E OF HEARING
The court will hold a hearing on this matter on the	
at a.m p.m. at the Wyando	otte County Courthouse, in Division
X	
Your Si	gnature Self-Represented
Name (1	Print):
Address	:1:
Address	2:ate, Zip:ane Number:
City, Sta	ate, Zip:
Telepho	ne Number:
CERTIFICATE OF	SERVICE AND MAILING
Leartify that on this day of	20 Leant a true convert his
notice of hearing by (denositing it in the Unit	, 20, I sent a true copy of this red States mail, postage prepaid) (depositing it in the
United States mail, postage prepaid, certified ma	
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(Name and address of other party)	·
or	
(Name and address of other party's attorney)	·
and	
(Name and address of any other involved attorney	or case participant, if any)
	X
	Your Signature
	Name (Print):

In the Matter	of the Marriage of
Petitioner	
and	Case No Division
Respondent	
Is Title to Re	al Estate Involved? Yes No
	DECREE OF DIVORCE (WITHOUT CHILDREN) "Petitioner" means the person who filed the Petition. "Respondent" means the person who did not file the Petition. "Parties" means the Petitioner and Respondent
Please rev	iew #7 of the Instructions for Divorce-Without Children prior to completing this Decree
NO befor	W THIS day of, 20, the above matter comes re the Court for final hearing.
Petit	ioner appears in person by counsel, does not appear.
Resp	ondent appears in person by counsel, does not appear.
Afte	r considering the presentation of testimony and evidence, the court finds:
1.	Petitioner was a resident in the State of Kansas for more than sixty days before the petition filing date.
2.	This court has personal jurisdiction over Respondent because:
3.	Petitioner and Respondent are now married.
4.	This Court has the power to grant a divorce to Petitioner and Respondent.
5.	More than sixty days have passed since the petition filing date.
6.	Respondent is is is not now on active duty with the United States Military. Unknown. If Respondent is on active duty, the requirements of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) have have not been met.

7.	Petitioner and Respondent are incompatible and are divorced on that ground.				
8.	Petitioner Respondent is restored to the former name of				
9.	Petitioner and Respondent cannot marry another person until thirty (30) days after entry of this Divorce Decree, or until a mandate is issued by the Kansas Appellate Courts if an appeal is taken as set out in K.S.A. 60-2106(c). Any marriage entered before that time is voidable unless Petitioner and Respondent both waive appeal.				
10.	Court costs are assessed to: ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Other:				
11.	Petitioner and Respondent do not now have any children from their relationship who are nineteen (19) years of age or under.				
	□ Neither party is pregnant. Or □ □ is pregnant at the time this Decree is filed. (Name of Petitioner or Respondent) Or □ Unknown.				
12.	Petitioner and Respondent entered into an agreement contained in or attached to this Decree, which the court approves as voluntary, fair and equitable and which is incorporated into this Decree shall divide their property and debts as stated on the record and contained in this Decree.				
13.	Petitioner shall have as Petitioner's own separate property: all Petitioner's personal papers and clothing, any personal property in Petitioner's possession not set aside to Respondent, those items set aside to Petitioner in the attached agreement, and the following items in Respondent's possession:				

Respondent shall have as Respondent's own separate property: all Respondent's personal papers and clothing, any personal property in Respondent's possession not set aside to Petitioner, those items set aside to Respondent in the attached agreement, and the following items in Petitioner's possession:		
Each party is responsible for the debts in that party's name incurred since the date of separation,, 20		
Petitioner is solely responsible for payment of the following debts and obligations, will defend Respondent from these claims and liabilities, and will reimburse Respondent for any and all expenses incurred either directly or indirectly, including a reasonable attorney's fee, if Petitioner fails to pay these debts:		
Respondent is solely responsible for payment of the following debts and obligations, will defend Petitioner from these claims and liabilities, and will reimburse Petitioner for any and all expense incurred either directly or indirectly, including a reasonable attorney's fee, if Respondent fails to pay these debts:		

16.	Petitioner and Respondent are each responsible for and will each hold the other harmless on any debts associated with any personal property assigned to that person.				
17.	Petitioner Respondent is granted all right title and interest to the real estate at: Street Address				
	City County State				
	Zip Code with a legal description of				
for the	etitioner Respondent shall be responsible for payment of any mortgage loan, lien, or obligation to above named real estate and shall hold the other harmless on that debt. This transfer does not the terights of any creditor to collect the debt from either party.				
18.	Petitioner and Respondent shall execute any documents necessary to convey property. This decree transfers title to all property addressed in this decree when filed. (NOTE: Other steps may be necessary to complete the transfer of title of real estate, especially if the real estate is located outside this county.)				
19.	Any designation previously made by Petitioner or Respondent that names the other as a beneficiary of any individual or group life insurance or annuity policy, trust instrument, transfer-on-death account, or payable-on-death account, is terminated and may be renewed only by designation made after entry of this decree. Petitioner and Respondent shall make any necessary changes to beneficiary designations by filing the changes according to the terms of the policy, trust or account.				
20.	☐ Neither spouse Petitioner ☐ Respondent is granted spousal maintenance as follows:				
	All spousal maintenance payments shall be made to the Kansas Payment Center at PO Box 758599, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8599 and shall include the two letter County designation and case number in the memo portion of each support payment. Petitioner and Respondent shall provide the payment center any information requested. No court trustee fee will be charged.				
21.	Income Withholding Provisions. All spousal maintenance payments shall be subject to income withholding but only if (a) there is an arrearage in the payment of spousal maintenance in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of spousal maintenance payable for two months, (b) the obligee spouse or ex-spouse is not living with a child of the obligor for whom an order of support is also being enforced, and (c) there has been compliance with K.S.A. 23-3103(h).				

22. Other Provisions:	
IT IS SO ORDERED.	
	Judge of the District Court
Submitted by:	
X	X
Signature of Petitioner	Signature of Respondent
Name(Print):	Name(Print):
Address 1:	Address 1:
Address 2:	Address 2:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Email:	Email: