



**II. RECORD**

A Court reporter: *(Check one box.)*

- did not record today’s hearing because the Husband, Wife, and judge agreed not to make a record.
- recorded today’s hearing.

**III. JURISDICTION** *(Check one box.)*

The Court received evidence and finds that it has jurisdiction over this case and the parties, that the residency and notice requirements have been met, the Petitioner’s petition meets all legal requirements, and

- that the Petitioner’s *Petition* was filed more than 60 days ago.
- the Court finds that the 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 17.192 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure against the Respondent because the Respondent committed family violence during the marriage.
- the Respondent has a final conviction or has received deferred adjudication for committing family violence against the Petitioner or a member of Petitioner’s household.

**IV. CHILDREN**

The Court finds that the Husband and Wife are the parents of the children listed below, and that there are no other children of this marriage expected or entitled to receive support.

**1. Children of the Marriage**

*(List all natural and adopted children of this marriage who are under 18. If you have an adult disabled child, talk to a lawyer to see if child support is appropriate in your case.)*

	Child’s name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	State where child lives now
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____
e.	_____	_____	_____	_____
f.	_____	_____	_____	_____

*(If more than 6 children, list them on another sheet and write Attachment A at the top. Attach it to this form.)*

If the wife had children with someone else while she was married to the husband, complete section 2.

**2. Children born during the marriage, but the husband is not the father.**

The Court finds that the children listed below were born during the marriage, but are not the husband's biological children. There is no legal relationship between these children and the husband.

	Child's name	Age	Date of Birth	Sex
a.	_____			
b.	_____			
c.	_____			
d.	_____			
e.	_____			
f.	_____			

**3. Pregnancy** (Check one box.)

- The Court finds that Wife is not pregnant.
- The Court finds that Wife is pregnant, but Husband is not the biological father of the unborn child. There is no legal relationship between Husband and the unborn child.

**Warning:** in many Texas counties, the court will not allow you to complete your divorce if the wife is pregnant, even if she is pregnant by someone who is not the husband.

**V. DIVORCE**

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

**VI. PARENTING PLAN**

The Court FINDS that the attached orders found in the Parenting Plan Exhibits are in the best interest of the children, and makes the following orders regarding custody, visitation, child support, and health insurance, as included in this section and the attached Parenting Plan Exhibits.

**You must include a Parenting Plan** with this Decree of Divorce, as required by *Texas Family Code, Section 153.603*.

Complete and attach the following Children's Exhibits to this Decree of Divorce.

**Parenting Plan Exhibits**– The following Exhibits are attached to this Decree of Divorce and are made a part of this Decree for all purposes.

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

**Duty to Provide Information** *Texas Family Code, Section 153.076.*

1. **Health, Education and Welfare** – Each parent IS ORDERED to notify the other parent, in a timely manner, of all significant information about the child’s health, education and welfare.
2. **Sex Offenders** – If you plan to live with or marry anyone who has been convicted of or charged with a sex offense as described in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, Chapter 62, you must notify the other parent within 10 days of living with that person, or if you are not married, within 40 days of living with that person. Your notice must also include a description of the sex offense charged. ***It is a misdemeanor to disobey this order.***

**Alternative Dispute Resolution and Parenting Coordinators**

If the parents have a dispute that does not affect their child’s health or safety, they may use mediation, or other alternative resolution methods, to try to solve the problem before going to court. They may also hire a Parenting Coordinator, an impartial third party, to assist them in resolving parenting issues.

**Warning!** You must obey **all** orders, even if the other parent disobeys a court order. *If you disobey an order, you can be sent to jail, fined, and have to pay attorneys fees and court costs.*

**VII. PROPERTY AND DEBTS**

[NOTE: Texas is a community property state. This means that any new property or debt that either party obtains, from the minute they are married until the minute the judge grants the divorce, is community property, even if the property or debt is only in one spouse’s name. All community property and debt should be included in the Decree of Divorce.

There are only a few exceptions to the law of community property. If either party receives a gift, an inheritance, or money from a lawsuit that does not compensate for lost wages, it is separate property. It is a good idea to confirm separate property obtained during the marriage as that individual’s separate property in the Decree of Divorce.

More information about community and separate property can be found in the Texas Family Code, chapters 3, 4, and 5.]

The Court makes the following orders regarding the parties’ community and separate property:

**Husband’s Property**

**Separate Property**

The Court confirms that Husband owns the following property as his separate property:

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*(List property Husband owned before marriage, or received as a gift or inheritance during marriage, or was awarded as money damages for pain and suffering.)*



**Husband's Debts** (check all that apply)

The Husband shall pay the debts listed below:

- 1.  All taxes, bills, liens, and other charges, present and future, for all personal and real property that are in the Husband's name alone or that this Order gives to the Husband alone, unless this Order 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 Order gives to the Husband alone.
- 4.  The balance due on any loan for any vehicles that this Order gives to the 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 Property**

**Separate Property**

The Court confirms that Wife owns the following property as her separate property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*(List property Wife owned before marriage, or received as a gift or inheritance during marriage, or was awarded as money damages for pain and suffering.)*

**Community Property**

The Court ORDERS that Wife is awarded the following Community Property, and Husband is divested of any interest, title or claim he may have to the property listed below. 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 property in Wife's care, custody, or control, or in Wife's name, that this Order does not give to the Husband.
- 2. House or land located at: \_\_\_\_\_  

*Street Address*
*City*
*State*
*Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Wife's Debts** (Check all that apply.)

The Wife shall pay the debts listed below:

- 1.  All taxes, bills, liens, and other charges, present and future, for all personal and real property that are in the Wife's name alone or that this Order gives to the Wife alone, unless this Order requires otherwise.
- 2.  Any debt Wife incurred after separation. *Date of separation:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month* *Day* *Year*
- 3.  The balance due on any loan or mortgage for the real property that this Order gives to the Wife alone.
- 4.  The balance due on any loan for any vehicles that this Order gives to the Wife alone.
- 5.  All other debts listed below, which are not in Wife's name alone, such as credit cards, student loans, medical bills, income taxes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. NAME CHANGE**

The Court changes the name of the (check one):  Husband  Wife back to the name used before marriage, as it appears below.

\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

**IX. COURT COSTS**

The Husband will pay for his court costs; the Wife will pay for her court costs.

**X. OTHER ORDERS**

The court has the right to make other orders, if needed, to clarify or enforce the orders above. Any orders requested that do not appear above are denied.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Judgment
Judge's signature

By signing below, the Petitioner agrees to the terms of this decree.

By signing below, the Respondent agrees to the terms of this decree.

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's Name (print) Phone number

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Petitioner's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent's Name (print) Phone number

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Respondent's Signature Date

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_