IN

# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

)THE MATTER OF:))	CASE NO.
) ) )	JUDGE
and ) ) ) Petitioners. )	ORDER/NOTICE TO WITHHOLD INCOME FOR CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT (Ohio Revised Code 3121.037)
Employer/Withholder's Federal EIN Number	RE: Employee/Obligor's Name (Last, First, MI)
Employer/Withholder's Name	Employee/Obligor's Social Security Number
	Employee/Obligor's Case Number
Employer/Withholder's Address	Employee/Obligor's Date of Birth
- Worker's Compensation Claim Number	Custodial Parent's Name (Last, First, MI)
Financial Institution Account Number	Checking Savings

Child(ren)'s Name(s):	DOB	Child(ren)'s Name(s):	DOB

**ORDER INFORMATION:** This is an Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Support based upon an order from <u>Ohio</u>. By law, you are required to deduct these amounts from the above named employee's/obligor's income until further notice.

If checked, you are required to enroll the child(ren) identified above in any health insurance coverage available through the employee's/ obligor's employment and to inform the child support enforcement agency of any lapses in coverage.

\$	per month in current support			
\$	per month in past due support	Arrears 12 weeks or greater ?	Yes	No
\$	per month in medical support			
\$	per month Subtotal (for Ohio Bureau of Employment Services Withholding)			
\$	per month in other (specify)			
for a Total of \$	per month to be forwarded to the pa	ayee below.		

You do not have to vary your pay cycle to be in compliance with the support order. If your pay cycle does not match the ordered support payment cycle, use the following to determine how much to withhold:

If pay cycle is weekly, multiply the monthly amount by 12 and divide by 52. If pay cycle is every other week, multiply monthly amount by 12 and divide by 26.

If pay cycle is twice monthly, multiply monthly amount by 12 and divide by 24.

### **REMITTANCE INFORMATION:**

An employer must begin withholding no later than the first pay period occurring 14 business days after the date of this Order/Notice. Send Payment immediately or within 7 business days of the Paydate /date of withholding. Ohio Law: Financial institutions are required to send the amount deducted no later than fourteen business days following the date this notice was mailed and are required to continue the deduction thereafter IMMEDIATELY, but not later than seven (7) business days after the payment or deduction is made. You are entitled to deduct a fee to defray the cost of withholding. Refer to the laws governing the work state of the employee for the allowable amount.

<u>Ohio Law:</u> A withholder may deduct a fee of \$2.00 or 1% of amount to be withheld, whichever is greater (including an employer paying worker's compensation). A financial institution may deduct a fee of \$5.00 or a fee not to exceed the lowest rate, if any, charged for a similar debt transaction, whichever is less of the amount specified to be withheld.

The total withheld amount, including your fee, cannot exceed 65% of the employee's/obligor's aggregate disposable weekly earnings. For the purpose of the limitation on withholding, the following information is needed (see #9 on back for more information).

When remitting payment, provide the Paydate/Date of Withholding, Obligor Name, Social Security Number, Case Number and the Order Number.

When remitting for more than one obligor, include the amount of payment for each person. If you choose to remit by EFT/EDI, contact Ohio Child Support Payment Central to obtain bank file format. (See page 4 of this document.)

Make it payable to:	Ohio Child Support Payment Central (CSPC)
Send check to:	P.O. Box 182394
	Columbus, Ohio 43218
Authorized by:	(Ohio does not require a hand written signature)

If you or your employee/obligor have questions about the provisions of the notice or other communication, contact the Ashtabula County Child Support Enforcement Agency by mail at 4332 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio, 44004, by telephone at (440)998 1110, or by FAX at (440)994 2016.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO EMPLOYERS AND OTHER WITHHOLDERS

If checked you are required to provide a copy of this form to your employee.

- 1. **Priority:** Withholding under this Order/Notice has priority over any other legal process under State Law against the same income. Federal tax levies in effect before receipt of this order have priority. If there are Federal tax levies in effect please contact the requesting agency listed below.
- 2. **Combining Payments:** You can combine withheld amounts from more than one employee's/obligor's income in a single payment to each agency requesting withholding. You must, however, separately identify the portion of the single payment that is attributable to each employee/obligor.
- 3. **Reporting the Paydate/Date of Withholding:** You must report the paydate/date of withholding when sending the payment. The paydate/date of withholding is the date on which amount was withheld from the employee's wages. You must comply with the law of the state of employee's/obligor's principal place of employment with respect to the time periods within which you must implement the withholding order and forward the child support payments.
- 4. **Employee/Obligor with Multiple Support Withholdings:** If there is more than one Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support against this employee/obligor and you are unable to honor all support Orders/Notices due to Federal or State withholding limits, you must follow the law of the state of employee's/obligor's principal place of employment. You must honor all Orders/Notices to the greatest extent possible. (See #9)

**Ohio Law:** Payors shall prorate the amount due when two or more support orders are received for this obligor, which when combined exceed the limits of the Consumer Credit Protection Act. Multiply current support by a fraction with a numerator that represents the available amount of income and a denominator that represents the total amount designated for payment in the notices.

Payors shall allocate to each notice an amount for current support equal to the amount designated in that notice as current support multiplied by a fraction in which the numerator is the amount of personal earnings, payments, pensions, annuities, allowances, benefits, other sources of income, or savings available for withholding and the denominator is the total amount designated in all of the notices as current support.

If the total of the amounts designated in the notices as current support does not exceed the amount available for withholding under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, the payor shall pay all of the amounts designated as current support in the notices and shall allocate to each notice an amount for past due support equal to the amount designated in that notice as past due support multiplied by a fraction in which the numerator is the amount of income remaining available for withholding after the payment of current support and the denominator is the total amount designated in all of the notices as past due support.

5. **Termination Notification:** You must promptly notify the CSEA when the employee/obligor is no longer working for you. Please provide the information requested below and return a complete copy of this notice to the CSEA listed above.

EMPLOYEE/OBLIGOR'S NAME:	SSN:
EMPLOYEE'S CASE IDENTIFIER:	DATE OF SEPARATION:
LAST KNOWN HOME ADDRESS	

NEW EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS:

**Ohio Law:** Payors shall notify this county child support enforcement agency in writing within ten business days after the date of any situation that occurs in which the payor ceases to pay sufficient income to satisfy the ordered support, including termination of employment, layoff of the obligor from employment, any leave of absence of the obligor without pay, termination of workers' compensation or benefits, or termination of any pension, annuity, allowance, or retirement benefit.

Payors shall notify this county child support enforcement agency in writing of any benefits other than personal earnings due this obligor due to: termination of employment, worker's compensation benefits, annuity, allowance other benefit, income, an account from which a deduction is made; the receipt of unemployment compensation, receipt of workers' compensation, severance pay, sick leave, lump sum payment of retirement benefits or contributions, bonus, profit sharing, or distributions; the opening of any new account at this or another known institution. In addition to the above required information, include the new employer's name, the social security number, date of birth and telephone number of the obligor.

Financial institutions shall must promptly notify this county child enforcement agency, in writing, within ten days after the date of any termination of the account from which the deduction is being made and notify the agency, in writing, of the opening of a new account at that financial institution, the account number of the new account, the name of any other known financial institutions in which the obligor has any accounts and the numbers of those accounts. The financial institution must include in all notices the obligor's last known mailing address, last known residence address, and social security number.

6. **Lump Sum Payments:** Lump sum payments are income other than personal earnings that the obligor is receiving, or eligible to receive, as a benefit of employment or as a result of termination of employment.

"Cash out of vacation pay" means income disbursed to an employee in lieu of actual vacation or leave taken. Any cash out of vacation is considered a lump sum payment and shall be processed as any other lump sum payment.

You may be required to report and withhold from lump sum payments such as bonuses, commissions, or severance pay. If you have any questions about lump sum payments, contact the person or authority below.

**Ohio Law:** No later than the earlier of 45 days before the lump sum payment is to be made, or the date on which that determination is made, (if the obligor's right to the payment is determined less than 45 days before it is to be made), the payor shall notify the County Child Support Enforcement Agency of any lump sum payment of any kind of \$150 or more that is to be paid to the obligor, hold each lump sum payment of \$150 or more for 30 days after the date on which it would otherwise be paid to the obligor, and on order of the court or CSEA, pay all or a specified amount of the lump sum to the Office of Child Support.

- 7. Liability: If you fail to withhold income as the Order/Notice directs, you are liable for both the accumulated amount you should have withheld from the employee's/obligor's income and any other penalties set by Stale law.
  Ohio Law: If the payor failed to comply with this notice, the County Child Support Enforcement Agency will bring an action requesting the court to issue an order requiring the compliance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3121.37 or 3121.371. The payor may be found guilty of contempt of court.
- 8. **Anti-discrimination:** You are subject to a fine determined under State law for discharging an employee/obligor from employment, refusing to employ, or taking disciplinary action against any employee/obligor because of a child support withholding.
- 9. Withholding Limits: You may not withhold more than the lessor of: 1) the amounts allowed by the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b)); or 2) the amounts allowed by the State of the employee's/obligor's principal place of employment. The Federal limit applies to the aggregate disposable weekly earning (ADWE). ADWE is the net income left after making mandatory deductions such as: State, Federal, Local taxes; Social Security taxes; and Medicare taxes.

According to the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA), the amount withheld is not allowed to exceed:

50% of the noncustodial parent's disposable earnings if he/she is supporting a spouse, dependent child, or both, other than a party in the support order.

60% of the noncustodial parent's disposable earnings if he/she is not supporting someone else.

The Act also allows an additional 5% to be withheld above the maximum amount permitted if the noncustodial parent is twelve (12) or more weeks in arrearage.

**Ohio Law:** Financial institutions and unemployment compensation benefits are not subject to the CCPA. No more than 50% of the noncustodial parent's weekly unemployment benefit amount may be deducted.

\*Note: If you or your agent are served with a copy of this order in the state that issued the order, you are to follow the law of the state that issued this order with respect to these items. This notice is final and enforceable by the court.

#### **Child Support Payment Central**

Ohio now offers a centralized source for making child support payments on behalf of your employees. You can make one payment to one central source.

With Ohio Child Support Payment Central (CSPC), you can use CSPC Direct (electronic data interchange), or CSPC Through Your Finacial Institution (electronic funds transfer).

Call 1 888 965 2676 for your free Employer Kit.

# **IT IS SO ORDERED:**

JUDGE

# **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK**

The Clerk of Courts shall mail copies of the foregoing Order to Withhold to

by regular U.S. Mail.