**IN THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(Justice Court, Justice Court of Record, Municipal Court, City Court, City Court of Record)*

 **COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, STATE OF MONTANA**

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| State of Montanavs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Defendant. | **Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Order to Show Cause |

You MUST come to court on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at *(time)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

The court’s address is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in *(city)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Montana. The court will hold a hearing to determine if you are in contempt of court. You must explain to the court the reason why you failed to: *(Check all that apply)*

 [ ]  Appear in court

 [ ]  Pay fines/fees due the court

 [ ]  Comply with mandate or bond conditions by *(describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**WARNING:** If you do not appear, the court may do one or more of these actions without giving you any additional notice:

* Issue a warrant for your arrest.
* Notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend your driver’s license or privilege to drive.
* If your license is suspended and you are convicted of driving while your license is suspended, you may be required to pay a fine of up to $500, plus court costs, and spend a minimum of 2 days up to a maximum of 6 months in jail.
* You have the right to have an attorney at your hearing. If you cannot afford one, and you qualify, you must appear in court immediately to request the judge appoint you an attorney.

If you are found in contempt, you may be sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined $500.

[ ]  If this box is checked, you may pay the all fines/fees owed to the court and then not appear in court.

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| Dated: |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | (City Court Judge/ Municipal Court Judge / Justice of the Peace) |

cc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  Prosecutor [ ]  Defendant’s attorney [ ]  Defendant