

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
Ottawa County Clerk / Register of Deeds  
414 Washington, Room 320, Grand Haven MI 49417  
616-846-8320

**OBJECTION TO FRIEND OF THE COURT'S RECOMMENDED ORDER ESTABLISHING  
PARENTING TIME, CUSTODY AND SUPPORT**

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PLAINTIFF'S NAME & ADDRESS:     
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DEFENDANT'S NAME & ADDRESS:     
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{B} FILE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

{C}  Plaintiff's objection       Defendant's objection    {D} DATE ORDER MAILED: \_\_\_\_\_

{E} I am \_\_\_\_\_ am not \_\_\_\_\_ represented by an attorney

Attorney signature, if applicable (MUST be signed if represented by an Attorney) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: If you or your attorney are filing an objection to this order you must use MiFILE to file an objection. Use this form for the objection and e-file it at <https://mifile.courts.michigan.gov>. IF THE OBJECTION IS NOT PROPERLY EFILED WITH CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS, THE RECOMMENDED ORDER MAY BE INCORRECTLY SUBMITTED FOR ENTRY.**

**IF YOU REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COURT A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR HEARING**

**SI NECESITA UN INTÉRPRETE, DEBE NOTIFICAR AL TRIBUNAL UN MÍNIMO DE TRES (3) DÍAS ANTES DE SU AUDIENCIA**

I request a hearing be scheduled before the Court.

{F} REASON FOR OBJECTION: (must be completed; use additional sheet(s) if needed):

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You (the person objecting) must use the MiFile link above to e-file the objection

You will be notified by the Friend of the Court, by mail or e-notice of the time and date of your hearing

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff     Defendant

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBJECTION TO A COURT ORDER

### Use this form if:

You received a Court Order and you disagree with the Order **and** you want the court to change the Order.

1. Fill in the Plaintiff and Defendant's names and addresses to the best of your knowledge. If one party's address is confidential, put "confidential" and the Court will serve that Party with hearing notice and a copy of the objection. **{A}**
2. Write in your file number. Your file number is on all of your legal papers and may also be called a case number or docket number. **{B}**
3. Check the box next to who is objecting. Are you the Plaintiff or Defendant? **{C}**
4. Fill in the date the Order was mailed, which is the date the certificate of mailing was signed. **{D}**
5. If you are represented by an attorney, fill in the name of the attorney and have your attorney sign the objection form. **{E}**
6. Fill in the "reason for objection" section by writing in why you are objecting to the Order. Provide as much information as possible. **{F}**
7. Please e-file your objection form within 21 (twenty-one) days of the date on the "Certificate of Mailing/Service" on your order via <https://mifile.courts.michigan.gov>

The date, time and place of your hearing will be mailed or e-notice sent to both parties in the case.

### DID YOU . . .

1. Fill out all requested information on the form?
2. E-file your objection to MiFile within 21 (twenty-one) days of the date on the "Certificate of Mailing/Service" on the order?

If you cannot answer "yes" to both of these questions, a hearing on your objection may be delayed or dismissed. By using this form packet you are representing yourself in a court action regarding support. In order to receive the action you seek, you must follow the instructions in this packet. If you fail to do even one of the required steps, the order you get from the court may not give you the support you want, in the case of an objection to support. **Note:** If you are objecting to a support order, regardless of the amount of support you ask for, the court is required to use the Michigan Child Support Formula in deciding what support should be, unless the court finds that using the formula would be unjust or inappropriate.

If you wish to have your objection form reviewed to make sure it is complete, you may come in to the Legal Self Help Center in room 220 of the Courthouse before going to the Ottawa County Clerk.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBJECTION TO A COURT ORDER IN PERSON**

### **Use this form if:**

You received a Court Order and you disagree with the Order **and** you want the court to change the Order.

1. Fill in the Plaintiff and Defendant's names and addresses to the best of your knowledge. If one party's address is confidential, put "confidential" and the Court will serve that Party with hearing notice and a copy of the objection. **{A}**
2. Write in your file number. Your file number is on all of your legal papers and may also be called a case number or docket number. **{B}**
3. Check the box next to who is objecting. Are you the Plaintiff or Defendant? **{C}**
4. Fill in the date the Order was mailed, which is the date the certificate of mailing was signed. **{D}**
5. If you are represented by an attorney, fill in the name of the attorney and have your attorney sign the objection form. **{E}**
6. Fill in the "reason for objection" section by writing in why you are objecting to the Order. Provide as much information as possible. **{F}**
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The date, time and place of your hearing will be mailed or e-notice sent to both parties in the case.

### **DID YOU . . .**

1. Fill out all requested information on the form?
2. E-file your objection to MiFile within 21 (twenty-one) days of the date on the "Certificate of Mailing/Service" on the order?

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## **INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDING THE HEARING ON AN OBJECTION TO A COURT ORDER**

Bring all information supporting your objection:

1. The “Notice of Hearing” may indicate that you should report to the Friend of the Court office 15 minutes before the time of your hearing in the Courtroom. You and the other Party may meet with your Friend of the Court investigator during this time.
2. Notify the Friend of the Court receptionist that you have arrived.
3. Be prepared to explain to your investigator why you are objecting to the Court Order.
4. Dress neatly.
5. The discussion during this 15 minute prehearing may have two outcomes:
  - a. You and the other Party may reach an agreement. When that happens, the investigator will prepare a stipulation (an Order of your agreement) for the Judge to sign. The Judge will sign the stipulation and copies of the Order will be mailed or e-notice sent to both Parties.
  - b. You and the other Party may proceed to Court for a hearing in front of the Judge. The investigator will tell the Judge why you are objecting. The Judge may ask each of you questions which you should answer clearly and directly. The Judge’s decision is final.
6. If the hearing is held and the Judge makes a decision, your investigator will prepare the Order, get the Judge’s signature and a signed copy will be mailed or e-notice sent to both Parties.
7. The stipulation (your Order) or the Order as the result of a Judge’s decision are enforceable by the Friend of the Court and will remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

**NOTE:** if the objecting party does not appear for the hearing, the Order you are objecting to will remain in effect as it is written.