

Instructions for Waiver of Arraignment Form (Misdemeanor)

1. Complete the form in its entirety, including your signature and your attorney's signature (if applicable). If you have an attorney, their Appearance must accompany the Waiver of Arraignment Form.
 - * **Attorneys:** download and save the form. Complete the pre-fillable (gray-shaded) fields. Click in the signature field to open and create your digital signature. Once created, save the form to your device. Once the form is saved your digital signature will appear on the form. Email the signed document to your client to fill in their contact information and sign in the same manner. Serve a copy to the 53rd District Court using one of the following methods indicated in step #3.
 - * **Pro Per:** download and save the form. Complete the pre-fillable (gray-shaded) fields. Click in the signature field to open and create your digital signature. Once created, save the form to your device. Once the form is saved your digital signature will appear on the form. Serve a copy to the 53rd District Court using one of the following methods indicated in step #3. Refer to the Arraignment Notice to Appear for your case number, charge(s)/offense(s), and the District Court Judge assigned to your case.
2. The Court will not waive Arraignment for any of the following charges and/or matters:
 - * Felony
 - * High Court Misdemeanor (Circuit Court Misdemeanor)
 - * Alcohol/Controlled Substance
 - * Domestic Violence
 - * Moving Violation or Reckless Driving Causing Death or Serious Injury
 - * Child Abuse
 - * Assault
 - * Stalking
 - * Indecent Exposure
 - * Animal Neglect/Abuse
 - * Outstanding Warrant Matter(s)
 - * Other Charge(s) as determined by the District Court Judge or Magistrate
3. The Court will accept the Waiver of Arraignment Form if submitted no later than **72 hours prior** to the scheduled Arraignment. Submit the completed form:
 - * Email to DistrictCourtHowell@livgov.com or;
 - * Mail to the 53rd District Court @ 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843 or;
 - * Place in the drop-box located in the Court's main front door entrance vestibule or;
 - * In-person to a Criminal Clerk at the 53rd District Court windows #3 or #4.
4. Within 72 hours of submitting this form, you are required to appear at the Court to sign and receive your bond and bond conditions, receive notice of your next court date, and, if the penalty is 93 days or more, receive the Order for Fingerprints to be completed at the agency indicated on the order.

NOTE: If this step is not completed, your scheduled Arraignment will remain on the court's docket and failure to appear on that date may result in a bench warrant for your arrest.

**State of Michigan
53RD District Court
Livingston County**

**Waiver of Arraignment
(Misdemeanor)**

Case No. _____
Judge _____

Court Address
204 S Highlander Way, Howell, 48843

Court Telephone No.
(517) 548-1000

People of the State of Michigan

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I understand that I am charged with the following offense(s)

I understand that the maximum penalties for the offense(s) are

I understand that I have the following rights:

- 1. To plead guilty, not guilty, or no contest.
- 2. To have a trial by a judge or a jury.
- 3. To have the assistance of an attorney
- 4. To have an attorney appointed at public expense if I am indigent (without money to hire an attorney) and if the offense charged requires a minimum jail sentence or the court determines that it may send me to jail.

If I have a trial, I understand that I have the following rights:

- 1. To call witnesses to speak for me at trial. I may get an order signed by the court to require witnesses to come to court.
- 2. To see, hear, and question all witnesses against me at trial.
- 3. To be a witness for myself or to remain silent. If I choose not to be a witness on my own behalf, the prosecuting official may not comment on my refusal to testify.
- 4. To be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If I plead guilty and my plea is accepted, I will not have a trial of any kind, and will give up the rights listed above.

I have the right to be released on bond.

If I am now on probation or parole and enter a plea of guilty (or no contest) or a finding of guilty is made by a judge or jury, it may result in a violation of my probation or parole.

While understanding my rights, the offenses charged, and the penalties, I hereby waive arraignment in open court and plead not guilty stand mute and request that the matter be set for a pretrial.

Defense Attorney Name Bar No.

Address

City/State/Zip Telephone No.

Email Address

Date Defense Attorney's signature

Defendant Name

Address

City/State/Zip Telephone No.

Email Address

Date Defendant's signature