

CAUSE NO. _____

§ IN THE JUSTICE COURT

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§ PRECINCT 2

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§ CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS

PETITIONER

PETITION FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

I, _____, seek an occupational driver's license from this court based on the information provided below. *(You must swear that the information you provide in this petition is true and correct. Failure to provide true and accurate information may result in criminal penalties.)*

Section One – General Information.

My name is: _____.

My date of birth is: _____.

I am a resident of _____ County, Texas.

My phone number is: _____

My home address is:

_____.

My mailing address *(if different than above)* is:

_____.

Driver's License Number and Issuing State/Country:

_____.

I do not have a driver's license issued by any state or country.

I am employed or looking for work, and my occupation is _____.

I am a student at _____.

I am the primary caretaker of _____ dependents who cannot drive.

I have been ordered by a magistrate or other court order to install an ignition interlock device on my vehicle, and/or not to operate any vehicle which is not equipped with an ignition interlock device.

I have been convicted more than once in the 10 years before the date of this petition of an offense under Sections 49.04-49.08 of the Penal Code.

Section Two – Reason(s) for Driver’s License Suspension/Revocation/Cancellation.

My driver’s license has been suspended as the result of an arrest for an intoxication-related offense in _____ County, because:

- A peace officer requested a sample of my breath or blood, and I refused; or
- I provided a sample of my breath or blood, and the sample contained an alcohol concentration greater than 0.08.

My driver’s license has been suspended due to an unpaid civil judgment (issued in _____ County) related to a car wreck.

My driver’s license has been revoked for failure to pay child support in _____ County.

My driver’s license has been suspended as the result of a conviction for a criminal offense. *(Please provide information regarding this offense, including the name and county of the court in which you were convicted, the cause number, and the type of offense, below.)*

_____.

My driver’s license has been suspended or revoked by DPS for the following reason:

_____.

I previously obtained an occupational driver’s license, and it was revoked by a court in _____ County for the following reason:

_____.

My driver’s license has been suspended, revoked, or cancelled as the result of a physical or mental disability.

My driver’s license has been suspended, revoked, or cancelled for another reason, described below (if applicable, include the county where the incident occurred that led to the suspension/cancellation/revocation):

_____.

Section Three – Essential Need.

(Note: To obtain an occupational license, you must demonstrate an essential need to operate a motor vehicle. The Texas Transportation Code defines “essential need” as the “need of a person for the operation of a motor vehicle: in the performance of an occupation or trade or for transportation to and from the place at which the person practices the person's occupation or trade; for transportation in pursuit of a trade or occupation; for transportation to and from an educational facility in which the person is enrolled; or in the performance of essential household duties.” To demonstrate an essential need to operate a motor vehicle, you may attach additional documentation, such as a letter from your employer. If you attach additional documentation, be sure to check the appropriate box in Section Five of this petition.)

I am seeking this occupational license to *(check all that apply)*:

- Travel to and from my place of work;
- Perform the duties of my job;
- Travel in pursuit of a trade or occupation;
- Travel to and from school; or
- Perform essential household duties.

I am **not** seeking an occupational license to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

*(*A commercial driver’s license holder is eligible for an occupational license to drive non-commercial motor vehicles.)*

The following are addresses and descriptions of all destinations where I am requesting to travel with my occupational license:

To reach the destinations described above, I must travel to or through the following Texas counties *(please fully describe all counties and routes traveled)*:

- Below, I have fully described all public transportation options within one mile of any destination described above, including my home, place of work, school, or place where I perform essential household duties. *(Public transportation options may include bus service, rail service, rural automobile service, ride-sharing services, etc.)*

- I am the only member of my household who owns, leases, or has access to a motor vehicle.
- A member of my household other than me owns, leases, or has access to a motor vehicle. *(Please describe this person's weekly schedule below.)*

- I own a bicycle or other means of non-motorized conveyance, described below.

- My work or school schedule is the **same** every week: I work or attend school during the following hours on the following days of the week *(check all that apply)*:

- Monday: _____
- Tuesday: _____
- Wednesday: _____
- Thursday: _____
- Friday: _____
- Saturday: _____
- Sunday: _____

- My work or school schedule **varies** from week to week. *(If you check this box, provide a general description of your work or school schedule below, including the total number of hours you work or attend school each week, days of the week on which you never work or attend school, days of the week on which you always work or attend school, and the earliest time your work or school day begins and the latest time your work or school day ends.)*

- My job duties include automobile travel. My employer requires me to travel by automobile to perform the following tasks:

- I travel in pursuit of a trade or occupation as follows:

- I perform the following essential household duties:

To perform the essential household duties described above, I must travel by automobile during the following hours on the following days of the week (*check all that apply*):

- Monday: _____
- Tuesday: _____
- Wednesday: _____
- Thursday: _____
- Friday: _____
- Saturday: _____
- Sunday: _____

Section Four – Additional Documents.

- I have obtained evidence of financial responsibility (*automobile liability insurance*), SR-22 (if required by DPS), or that I am covered by insurance carried by another party at all times while driving. The evidence is attached to my petition.
- I have attached a Type AR certified abstract of my driving record to this petition. (*Note: the court cannot grant your petition without reviewing your driving record.*)

To order: www.texas.gov (click on “Find Services”, click on “Request Licensee Driver Records”, click on Continue)

Option 4 (Abstract Record) \$22.00 (must print) or
Option 4 (Abstract Record) by mail \$20.00

- I have attached documents demonstrating my essential need to operate a motor vehicle.
(*Example: Letter from employer, work schedule / school schedule*)
- I have attached other documents, which are described below:

_____.

Petitioner requests that the court grant this Petition for Occupational License, and send a certified copy of this Petition, along with its order granting petitioner’s occupational license, to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Petitioner’s Signature

Date of Birth

Last 4 of SSN

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on _____, 20_____.

CLERK OF THE JUSTICE COURT OR NOTARY

FILING INFORMATION:

The responsibility for filling out your petition and civil case information sheet rests with you. Court clerks will assist you if you have procedural questions. The filing fee is **\$54.00** (fifty-four dollars.) ****Payment must be in the form of a Money Order or Cashier's Check, payable to Caldwell County Treasurer**** or credit card online payment can be made.

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Tex. Transp. Code § 521.242

Section 521.242 – Eligibility

- (a)** A person is eligible to apply for an occupational driver's license if:
- (1)** the person's license has been suspended, revoked, or canceled for a cause other than:
 - (A)** a physical or mental disability or impairment; or
 - (B)** a determination by the department under Section 521.294 that the person is incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle;
 - (2)** the person does not hold a driver's license and is ineligible to obtain a driver's license because of a suspension order, including an order due to a conviction or an order under Chapter 524 (Administrative suspension of driver's license for Failure to Pass Test for Intoxication) or Chapter 724 (Suspension of driver's license for refusal to submit to the taking of a specimen); or
 - (3)** the person is ineligible to obtain a driver's license because the person holds a driver's license issued by another state or country that was suspended, revoked, or canceled for a cause other than a physical or mental disability or impairment.
- (b)** An occupational driver's license does not authorize a person to operate a commercial motor vehicle to which Chapter 522 applies.
- (c)** A petition filed under this section must set forth in detail the person's essential need.
- (d)** A petition filed under Subsection (b) must state that the petitioner was convicted in that court for an offense under the laws of this state.
- (e)** The clerk of the court shall file the petition as in any other matter.
- (f)** A court may not grant an occupational license for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle to which Chapter 522 applies.

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