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CAUSE NO.	

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JEFF AND PAM STALLONES	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
PLAINTIFFS,	§ 8	
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V.	§ s	HARRIS COUNTY, TEX A S
JOSE O. RODRIGUEZ, MARIA F.	8 §	
RODRIGUEZ AND	§	
JOHN DOE TREE TRIMMING SERVICE	§	
	§	
DEFENDANTS.	§	FUDICIAL DISTRICT

# PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiffs, Jeff Stallones and Pam Stallones (collectively the "Stallones") complain of Defendants, Jose O. Rodriguez, Maria F. Rodriguez (collectively the "Rodriguez") and John Doe Tree Trimming Service as follows:

## Discovery Control Plan - Level Two (2)

1. Discovery should be conducted pursuant to Discovery Control Plan Level 2.

# Rule 47 Claim for Relief

- 2. This is a cause of action brought for trespass and destruction of property. The damages sought are within the jurisdictional limits of this court. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 47 Plaintiffs seek only monetary relief of \$250,000 or less, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney fees and costs.
- 3. Additionally, Plaintiffs seeks a judgment for all other relief to which the Plaintiffs deem themselves entitled.

## **Parties**

- 4. Jeff Stallones is an individual residing in Harris County.
- 5. Pam Stallones is an individual residing in Harris County.

- 6. Jose O. Rodriguez is an individual residing in Harris County, Texas and may be served with process herein at 7519 Faldo, Spring, Texas 77389.
- 7. Maria F. Rodriguez is an individual residing in Harris County, Texas and may be served with process herein at 7519 Faldo, Spring, Texas 77389.
  - 8. John Doe Tree Trimming Service's identity is unknown to Plaintiffs.

### **Venue**

9. Venue is proper in Harris County pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code \$15.002 because Harris County is the county of Defendants' residence at the time the cause of action accrued.

# Nature of the Case

10. This is a suit to recover amounts due and owing because of the damages that Defendants caused to Plaintiffs' property.

#### **Facts**

- Plaintiffs live in their home located at 7510 Kalebs Pond Court, Spring, Texas 77389 (the "Home"). Plaintiffs also own the real property that abuts their Home immediately to the east located at 7506 Kalebs Pond Court, Spring, Texas 77389 (the "Property"). The Home includes a beautiful backward with a pool, cabana and outdoor kitchen. The Stallones enjoy the use of the Home's backward. The Stallones bought the Property, in part, because of its statuesque stand of old growth trees that provided a beautiful view and shade.
- 12. On or about April 2 and 3, 2024, Defendants, or the John Doe Tree Trimming Service at the Defendants direction, physically, intentionally, voluntarily and without permission, entered the Property and cut down old growth pine and oak trees that had lived on the Property for decades. This destruction has severely damaged the aesthetics and value of the Property.







## **Cause of Action**

## A. Trespass

- 13. Plaintiffs re-allege the allegations set forth above.
- 14. Plaintiffs own the Property. The Defendants, or the John Doe Tree Trimming Service at the direction of the Defendants, physically, intentionally, voluntarily and without permission, entered the Property and cut down old growth pine and oak trees located on the Property. The Defendants trespass has caused injury to the Plaintiffs' right of possession.
- 15. Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court. Plaintiffs seek damages for cost of restoration and repair of the Property, loss of market value of the Property and the intrinsic value of the trees. Plaintiffs seek recovery of exemplary damages, interest and costs of court.

# Conclusion

Accordingly, Plaintiffs requests that Tose O. Rodriguez and Maria F. Rodriguez be cited to appear and answer herein, and that after final trial, Plaintiffs be awarded judgment against Defendants as follows:

- a. Actual damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this court;
- b. Monetary relief of \$250,000 or less, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney fees and costs;
- c. Exemplary damages;
- d. Prejudgment interest at the highest rate allowed by law; and
- e. Post judgment interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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