

STATE OF MAINE

District Court \_\_\_\_\_  
Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, )  
 )  
Plaintiff )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_, )  
 )  
Defendant )

**ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE  
DEFENSES AND REQUEST FOR  
ELECTRONIC SOUND RECORDING**

**ANSWER**

1. I am without knowledge as to whether the Plaintiff is the legal owner of the property.

Therefore, I deny any allegation that the Plaintiff is the owner.

2. I admit that I am the tenant in this matter

3.  I admit receiving an eviction notice. I am without knowledge as to whether the  
eviction notice is lawful. Therefore, I deny that the eviction notice is lawful.

or

I deny receiving an eviction notice.

4. I deny violating the terms of the tenancy.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

(Check boxes that apply)

I do not owe the amount of rent the landlord claims is owed. The conditions in my home  
violate the implied warranty of habitability. The landlord has not taken prompt, effective  
steps to repair the condition after receiving notice of the condition. I did not create the  
condition.

The landlord is evicting me because I, or someone on my behalf, have complained, in  
good faith, about health or safety problems in my building.

- I do not owe the amount of rent the landlord says I owe. Any amount I may owe is reduced or set off by amounts my landlord owes to me.
- The eviction notice was not lawful: because it did not give me 7 days to cure my non-payment of rent; it did not give the proper amount of time before the tenancy was to terminate; it did not tell me that I could pay all rent arrears, plus costs, as required by statute; or it was unlawful in some other respect.
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**REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC SOUND RECORDING**

I request that the court have any hearing in this case recorded. I make this request in accordance with Rule 76H of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone number)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have delivered a copy of this Answer, Affirmative Defenses and Request for Electronic Sound Recording by mailing a copy to the landlord and/or the landlord's lawyer.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)