

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE DECREE FOR PATERNITY, CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT

## HEADING

- Choose the county in the drop down box below the first blank. This is where you filed the complaint.
- Enter your name. You are the plaintiff.
- Enter the other party's name. The other party is the defendant.
- The clerk of the district court gave you a case number when you file the complaint. You must include the case number on any paper

a. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
(County where the Complaint was filed) Choose the county

b. \_\_\_\_\_, Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(your full name) Plaintiff, (case number assigned by Clerk of Court)

c. vs. \_\_\_\_\_  
(spouse's full name) Defendant.

d. **DECREE FOR PATERNITY,  
CUSTODY, PARENTING  
TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT**

## BODY OF DECREE

The **judge** will fill in the statement regarding if the defendant appeared, if the defendant was represented by an attorney, and the name of the attorney.

appeared without the assistance of an attorney. The defendant  did/  did not appear and  was/  was not represented by counsel:  
\_\_\_\_\_. Based on a review of the file, the testimony

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers on the Decree.

Paragraph 1. Enter the date that you filed the Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support.

1. 1. The plaintiff filed a Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support on \_\_\_\_\_.

Paragraph 2. Check the box that shows if the other party was personally served with a copy of the Complaint, or if they signed a Voluntary Appearance.

- If they were personally served, enter the date that they were served.
- If they signed a Voluntary Appearance, the clerk of the district court can provide you with the date that the Voluntary Appearance was filed with the court.

2. 2. The defendant:  
 was personally served with a copy of the Complaint on \_\_\_\_\_ a.  
**OR**  
 signed a Voluntary Appearance which was filed with the court on \_\_\_\_\_ b.

Paragraph 3. Check the appropriate box.

3. The defendant  did /  did not file an answer to the Complaint.

Paragraph 7. a. Enter the beginning date and ending date that you and the other party had an intimate relationship.

b. Enter the name(s) of the child(ren) that resulted from that relationship and the year the child(ren) was/were born.

7. Between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ the plaintiff and the defendant had an intimate relationship.  a.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ born in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of child) (child's year of birth)

Paragraph 8. Check the appropriate box. This is what you are (natural mother or natural father).

8. The plaintiff is the natural  mother /  father of the minor child(ren).

Paragraph 9. Check the appropriate box. This is what the other party is (natural mother or natural father).

9. The defendant is the natural  mother /  father of the minor child(ren).

Paragraph 10. Check the box that shows who developed the parenting plan.

10. A Parenting Plan, developed by  both parties  plaintiff only  
(check if parties developed) (check if Plaintiff developed)  
 the court, in accordance with the Parenting Act, is attached to this Decree  
(check if the court developed)

Paragraph 11. a. Check the boxes that correctly state the party who will NOT have physical custody (plaintiff if it is you, and defendant if it is the other party) of the minor child(ren).

b. Check the box for if that person is or is not capable of contributing to the support of the minor child(ren).

11. The  plaintiff  defendant  
a.  is capable of contributing to the support of the minor child(ren).  
b.  is not capable of contributing to the support of the minor child(ren).

Paragraph 12. a. Check the boxes that correctly state if you (plaintiff) do or do not have health insurance available at a reasonable cost through your employer.

b. Check the boxes that correctly state if the other party (defendant) does or does not have health insurance available at a reasonable cost through his/her employer.

12.  The plaintiff  
a.  does  does not have health insurance available to him/her at a reasonable cost through his/her employer.  
b.  The defendant  
 does  does not have health insurance available to him/her at a reasonable cost through his/her employer.

**IN THE BODY OF THE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED SECTION:**

Paragraph 13. Enter who is being established as the natural father. (If it is you, check the box in front of “plaintiff.” If it is the other party, check the box in front of “defendant.”)

13. The  defendant  plaintiff is established as the natural father of the minor child(ren).

Paragraph 14. a. Check the first box if you are requesting either the defendant or you have sole legal and sole physical custody.

i. If you are requesting sole legal and sole physical custody, enter “plaintiff”, or if you are requesting the defendant have sole legal and sole physical custody, enter “defendant.”

b. Check the second box if you are requesting that you and the defendant have joint legal custody and either you or the defendant will have sole physical custody.

i. Enter “plaintiff” if you are requesting sole physical custody, or enter “defendant” if you are requesting the defendant have sole physical custody.

c. Check the third box if you are requesting that you and the defendant be awarded joint legal and joint physical custody.

14. Legal and physical custody:

a.  The \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded sole legal and sole physical custody of the child(ren). (plaintiff or defendant) i.

b.  The parents are awarded joint legal custody of the child(ren). Sole physical custody of the child(ren) is awarded to the \_\_\_\_\_. (plaintiff or defendant) i.

c.  The parties are awarded joint legal and joint physical custody of the child(ren).

Paragraph 15. Check the box that shows who developed the parenting plan.

15. A Parenting Plan, developed by  both parties  plaintiff only  the court, in accordance with the Parenting Act, is attached to this Decree and  
(check if both parties) (check if the plaintiff developed)

Paragraph 16. a. Check the box for either the plaintiff or the defendant. This will be the party who will be paying child support. The **judge** will complete the blank indicating the date child support will begin.

16. Beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ and on the first day of each subsequent month, the  plaintiff  defendant shall pay child support in accordance

b. If you are able to do a child support calculation based upon the Child Support Guidelines, you can complete the amount of child support to be paid per month for the appropriate number of children. The child support worksheet must be presented to the judge at the time of the hearing.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ children  
(support amount) (number of children)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ children  
(support amount) (number of children)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ children  
(support amount) (number of children)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one child  
(support amount)

c. During visitation or parenting time periods of 28 days or more, in any 90-day period, support payments may be reduced by up to 80%. If you do not agree on a percentage for the abatement (amount it goes down), **the judge will complete this subsection.**

Child support will abate by \_\_\_\_\_ % during the month(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

**You must bring a copy of the Financial Affidavit for Child Support that you submitted at the time you filed the Complaint, the “Child Support Worksheet 1” if sole physical custody or “Child Support Worksheet 3” if joint physical custody, and give them to the judge at the time of the final hearing.**

Paragraph 17. **The judge will complete this paragraph** regarding health insurance for the minor child(ren).

Paragraph 18. Check the box of who is being required to pay child support (“plaintiff” if it is you, and “defendant” if it is the other party).

18. In the event that the  plaintiff /  defendant fails

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Paragraph 19. Check the box of who is being required to pay child support (“plaintiff” if it is you and “defendant” if it is the other party). The **judge** will determine the percentage of the childcare costs for which that person is responsible, if any.

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19. The  plaintiff /  defendant shall pay \_\_\_\_\_ % of any childcare costs

Paragraph 21. **The judge will complete this paragraph.**

## FINAL SIGNATURE

If the court approves the Decree, the **judge** will date and sign the Decree.

***The Decree must be filed with the clerk of the court before your case will be finalized.*** You should check with the clerk’s office after the final hearing to update or provide any information necessary.