

## Form 2A - Service by Sheriff

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other MTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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## SERVICE BY SHERIFF

To (identify name and address of respondents)

### NOTICE

Take NOTICE that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ filed a petition in this court against you, praying for the condemnation of property rights in the real estate fully described in the petition, a copy of which accompanies this NOTICE. You are further notified that the petition will be presented to the court for hearing at 9 a.m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in the Circuit Court, to determine whether petitioner should be granted an order of possession, entitling it to immediate possession of the property rights described in the petition.

You must plead, answer, or except to the petition as provided by law, or a judgment will be taken as confessed against you and the matter proceeded with as provided by law.

(Include following two paragraphs if using supplementary procedure)

You are further notified, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 29-17-903, that after the expiration of thirty days from the date of giving of this NOTICE, if the petitioner's right to condemn and acquire the property rights described in the petition is not questioned or contested by written formal objection filed with the clerk of this court and served upon the petitioner's attorney, the petitioner may take possession of the property rights sought. If necessary to place the petitioner in possession, the court shall issue a Writ of Possession to the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County to put the petitioner in possession of the property rights.

If you desire to contest the taking by condemnation under the laws of eminent domain, you must appear at the time designated after having filed your written formal objection. If you fail to appear or choose not to appear, an Order of Possession will be entered granting to the petitioner the property rights described. This hearing, however, will not be concerned with the value of your property or your interest therein and will not be concerned with the just compensation to which you are entitled.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Circuit Court Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

### OFFICER'S RETURN

I certify that I served this NOTICE with a copy of the Petition for Condemnation, upon serving the above-named respondent(s), by personally delivering a copy to the respondent(s), this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

SHERIFF OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BY \_\_\_\_\_

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